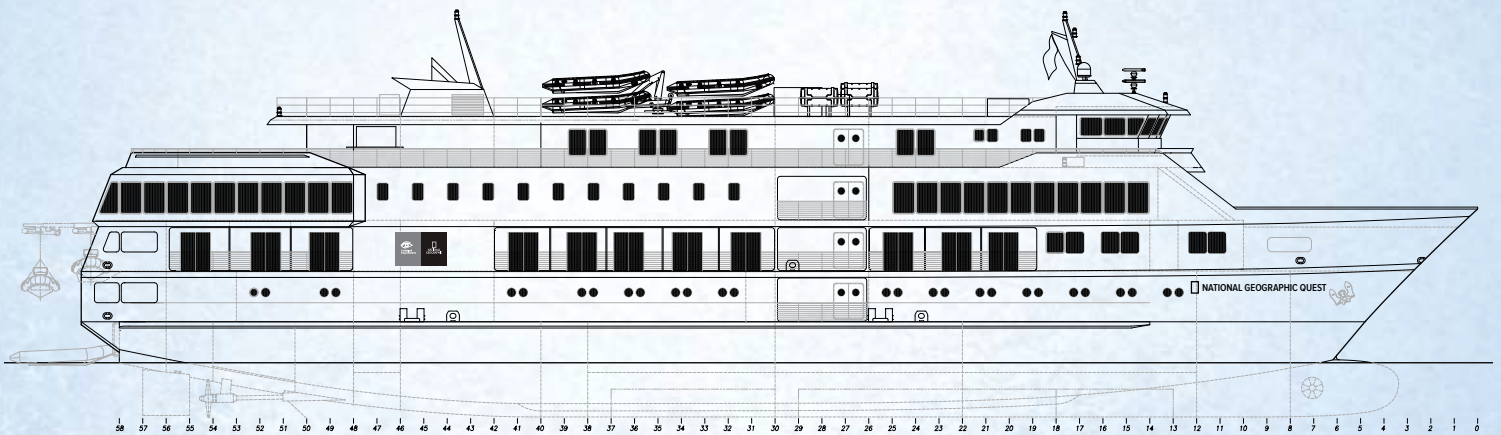


INTRODUCING NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST



PROUDLY BUILT IN AMERICA
BEGINS EXPLORING JUNE 2017

THREE ITINERARIES IN NORTH & CENTRAL AMERICA | 2017-2018



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Guests exploring by Zodiac in Panama.



DEAR TRAVELER,

As I write this letter, I'm thinking ahead to late June, when we'll launch our newest ship, the *National Geographic Quest*, and send her on her maiden voyage up the British Columbia coast to Alaska. *Quest* will be the most sophisticated expedition ship designed and built entirely in the U.S.A., and I'm proud to say that we've incorporated 30+ years of experience in the region into every aspect of her construction.



In keeping with the times, we've given *Quest* a modern and comfortable interior. With larger cabins, many with balconies or connecting rooms, and beautiful public spaces, I'm confident that you'll feel at home from the moment you board. But more than that, we've tailored this ship to provide you with the best expedition experience possible. The bow is specially designed to allow unobstructed views of wildlife, for the greatest number of guests. The mudroom offers easy and quick access to your gear, and to the Zodiacs waiting to take you ashore. And speaking of Zodiacs, our team has worked hand in hand with the designers at Zodiac Milpro, to create the first and only Mark V Zodiacs built entirely in the U.S.A., customized with superior features like extra holds for passenger stability. Twin boarding ladders at the ship's stern mean quick access to the Zodiacs, so you have more time exploring.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Lindblad Expeditions ship without an open invitation to the bridge, and *Quest's* bridge has been designed with you in mind. It features designated forward standing areas with clear views and settees so you can make yourself comfortable while observing the serious business of navigation and enjoying the excellent vantage point that a ship's bridge provides.

The following pages highlight the three compelling destinations where *Quest* will explore on the remainder of her inaugural season—British Columbia and the San Juan Islands, Costa Rica and Panama, and our brand-new itinerary in Belize and Guatemala. As you'll discover, *Quest* is the perfect platform to genuinely experience these regions with all your senses. Fully-equipped with the latest tools of exploration, small enough to allow access to out-of-the-way coves, while offering the comforts of far larger, and less personal ships. We hope you'll join us.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad

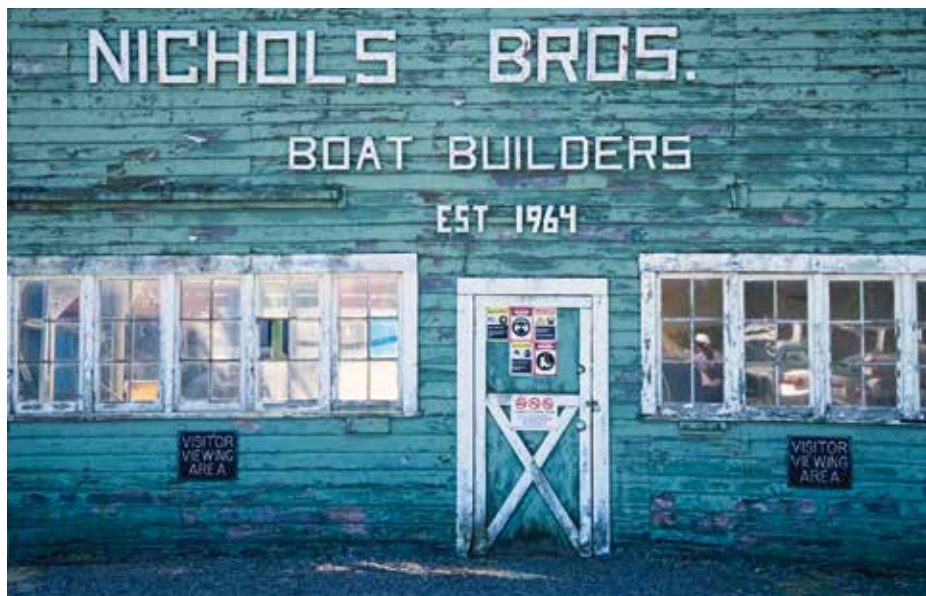
P.S. Do check out the *Quest* poster insert on page 5 which showcases all the ship's unique features from a streamlined hull design that reduces the need for fuel to wraparound windows in the dining room and lounge that offer the clearest, most natural view possible.

Ship's registry: United States

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
OF EXPEDITION TRAVEL WITH
NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC
QUEST
BUILT ENTIRELY IN THE USA

The building of *National Geographic Quest*, and her sister ship *National Geographic Venture*, is a historic moment in Lindblad Expeditions' history, timed to celebrate our two consecutive 50th Anniversaries. In 2016 we honored the 50th Anniversary of Lars-Eric Lindblad's pioneering 1966 expedition to Antarctica; and in 2017 we're celebrating his opening of Galápagos to expedition travel.

When we wanted to build the perfect ships to explore from Alaska to Central America, we turned to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders on Whidbey Island, Washington, the same company that built the very vessels we've used for the last 36 years.* Nichols has grown from a family-run operation to a great shipyard, employing 400 people, more than any other Whidbey Island company except the Navy.



So, 50+ years of expedition and shipbuilding know-how combine—to create a best-in-class expedition ship, outfitted with the latest in marine engineering, technology, and interior design, plus the tools for exploration required for an authentic Lindblad-National Geographic experience. And in 2018, *Quest* will be joined by a sister ship: *National Geographic Venture*, also built by Nichols Bros. Boat Builders.



Proudly made in America, *National Geographic Quest* is pan-American in outlook: exploring from Alaska to the northern reaches of British Columbia and the San Juan Islands, south to Central America—along the tropical coasts of Costa Rica, Panama, and through the Canal to Belize and the Mayan world. Read on for more about the experience *National Geographic Quest* offers you.

From top, clockwise: Original building façade at Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Whidbey Island, Washington; Sven inspects the bow and hull of the *National Geographic Quest*; a worker solders.

▶ SHIPBUILDING IS A FASCINATING ART, WATCH *QUEST*'S PROGRESS AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/QUESTBUILD](https://www.expeditions.com/questbuild)

**Nichols Brothers completed the National Geographic Sea Bird in 1981 (then known as the Majestic Alaska Explorer) and the National Geographic Sea Lion in 1982 (then known as the Great Rivers Explorer). Annual drydock maintenance and occasional refurbishments have kept them operating incredibly well since then. Many recent guests who hadn't traveled aboard the ships in a while say that they look better than ever.*

EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF THESE REGIONS



Killer whales surface along the coast of British Columbia.

A photograph of two orcas breaching the water at sunset. The sky is a bright, golden yellow, and the water is a deep blue with white foam from the orcas' tails. The orcas are in the foreground, with their dark, sleek bodies and curved tails visible above the water's surface. The background is a vast, calm sea extending to the horizon under the warm glow of the setting sun.

ON A PURPOSE-BUILT EXPEDITION SHIP

National Geographic Quest is the perfect mobile base camp. Designed for maximum focus on and engagement with the world beyond the ship, *Quest* combines thrilling exploration with a rewarding level of comfort.

EQUIPPED FOR COMFORT & ACTIVE EXPLORATION IN THESE UNIQUE REGIONS

Comfortably accommodating 100 guests, *National Geographic Quest* is larger than our 62-guest *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion* that have been exploring these same waters for decades. But she was purpose-built to have a similarly shallow draft depth—allowing us to navigate the same inner reaches, and provide the same intimate experiences as our small nimble ships. Beginning in Alaska during this inaugural season, the *Quest* is the ideal platform for sailing into the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of the Pacific Northwest, and for exploring the tropical waterways of Central America, including the undersea.



Exploring pristine coves by Zodiac.



EXPLORING BRITISH COLUMBIA & THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Discover the powerful wilderness and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest over a wide-ranging week in the San Juan Islands and British Columbia. You'll venture to spectacular, remote islands and sail through channels that teem with sealife—the region where killer whales can most reliably be seen in the Northern Hemisphere, plus you'll visit charming towns and First Nations heritage sites. This *National Geographic Quest* voyage sails one-way between Seattle and Vancouver allowing ample time to venture far north into Alert Bay, including Victoria and the Robert Bateman Centre, with remote stops in the San Juan and Gulf Islands, and deep in the fjords of British Columbia. **See pages 8-9 for more on this new itinerary.**



THE CANAL, PANAMA & COSTA RICA

A trio of bucket list-worthy experiences: a transit of the Panama Canal, an exploration of lush, species-rich coastal Panama; and an experience of Costa Rica that delivers even more of what people choose Costa Rica for. *National Geographic Quest's* array of brand-new expedition tools—fleet of Zodiacs, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and complete snorkel gear—will make the most of your time and appetite for tropical weather. And while her open decks invite you to live outdoors, acres of glass windows offer cool reprieve and a front row seat—on the tranquility of coastal rain forests, or drama of transiting the Panama Canal. **See pages 10-11 for more.**

BELIZE & GUATEMALA: BY LAND & SEA

Renowned reefs, the largest system in the Northern Hemisphere; and expansive, elegiac Mayan ruins to explore in a luxurious amount of time—that's what *National Geographic Quest* delivers on this expedition. Her mudroom for gear storage and state-of-the-art Mark V Zodiacs make the suiting up and heading off to snorkel, dive, or venture ashore simple, swift, and exhilarating. And again, *Quest* is purpose-built for comfort in diverse climates—with welcoming outdoor spaces, and cool view-inviting interiors that ensure you see the scenic drama wherever you are. **See pages 14-15 for more on this new itinerary.**



NEW

EXPLORING BRITISH COLUMBIA & THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

PRICES FROM: \$4,990 to \$8,540 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

Discover the powerful wilderness and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest aboard the new 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*—built from the keel up to explore places where wildlife lingers and larger ships cannot go—all in grand style and comfort. Venture to the spectacular San Juan Islands and sail through channels of British Columbia that teem with sealife, plus visit charming towns and First Nations heritage sites. This one-way voyage between Seattle and Vancouver allows ample time to not only experience the richness of the living culture of the Namgis First Nations of Alert Bay, but also time to linger in the verdant, photogenic fjords of British Columbia.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Kayak, hike, and explore aboard Zodiacs along the wildlife-rich coasts of Desolation Sound and the Gulf Islands.
- ▶ Learn the history of First Nations people through their art and powerful dance performances.
- ▶ Search for killer whales where they're most reliably found in the Northern Hemisphere.
- ▶ Enjoy a private reception at the acclaimed natural history artist Robert Bateman's museum.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our unparalleled 10-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience.

An expedition leader, four naturalists, a Lindblad-

National Geographic certified photo instructor and undersea specialist, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, all contribute to your understanding of the Pacific Northwest wonders. Certain departures will feature a National Geographic photographer or expert.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Kayaking in the San Juan Islands.

DAY 1: SEATTLE, WA/EMBARK

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

DAY 2: EXPLORING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Today we'll visit the more remote of the San Juan Islands, an archipelago in northern Washington State perfect for kayaking, exploring by Zodiac, and hiking. Search for seals, sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and killer whales. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: FRIDAY HARBOR

Explore Friday Harbor, a picturesque town on San Juan Island. Visit the Whale Museum, with its fascinating collection of artifacts, artwork, and whale skeletons. Stop in at small shops



Victoria, British Columbia.

and galleries. Later, we'll search for killer whales on our way to British Columbia. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through Old Town, or peruse the collections at local art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Robert Bateman Centre while taking in the incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: EXPLORING THE GULF ISLANDS

Wake this morning among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachter's paradise. We'll take our pick of perfect spots to kayak, hike, and search for wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: JOHNSTONE STRAIT/ ALERT BAY

Sail through Johnstone Strait, a waterway cut through a magnificently wild and scenic area of mountains and islands. These ocean waters are also home to extraordinary whale and bird watching. Today we visit one of the oldest First Nations village sites in British Columbia. Alert Bay on Cormorant Island has been and continues to be the home of the Kwakwaka'wakw



people and a center for the living culture found throughout the Northwest Coast. We will visit the U'mista Cultural Centre opened in 1980, this center houses one of the finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia, and coppers. We'll then make a stop to visit the Big House a short distance away where the Tsasala Cultural Group continues the sharing of culture, "educating the world about their songs, dances, teachings, and values." (B,L,D)

DAY 7: DESOLATION SOUND

Desolation Sound, on the north end of British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, is a mecca for kayakers and small yachts. It's easy to understand why, with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty. By kayak there are many isolated bays to poke into and islets that beckon for exploration. On land there are meadows and forest trails for hiking. Tonight, enjoy the captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: VANCOUVER/DISEMBARK

Vancouver is British Columbia's largest city and the major port for all of western Canada. It lies in a stunning setting, surrounded almost completely by water, with snowcapped mountains rising vertically from its very backyard. After breakfast, disembark the ship for connecting flights home. (B)



Killer whale.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Sep. 14, 21*, 28; Oct. 5*

*Travels Vancouver to Seattle making all the same stops.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join National Geographic photographer and naturalist **Jeff Mauritzen** on the Sep. 14, 2017 voyage.

COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

PRICES FROM: \$5,990 to \$9,890 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

Immerse yourself in natural wonders along the Pacific coast of Costa Rica and Panama on a voyage aboard the *National Geographic Quest*. Venture into the forests of Manuel Antonio and Corcovado National Parks; search for monkeys, frogs, sloths, and brightly colored birds; and take an optional horseback ride on a pristine beach. Cap off your voyage with a crossing of the legendary Panama Canal.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Discover hidden pools and waterfalls deep within the rain forest of the Osa Peninsula.
- ▶ Explore the tiny islands of the Gulf of Panama and snorkel off Isla Coiba.
- ▶ Enjoy special access to the protected forests of Barro Colorado Nature Monument.
- ▶ Examine the fascinating lock system that made the Panama Canal one of the greatest engineering achievements of its era.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Every expedition sails with a veteran expedition leader and a handpicked team of six local naturalists including a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Each naturalist is deeply knowledgeable about Costa Rica and Panama and dedicated to sharing their passion for the region with you. Other key members of the expedition team include a wellness specialist and a video chronicler. National Geographic experts are on select departures.

Squirrel monkey, Manuel Antonio National Park.



DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/ HERRADURA/EMBARK

Upon arrival in San José, transfer by land to Herradura and embark our ship *National Geographic Quest*. (D)

DAY 2: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning in Manuel Antonio National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where thick forests fringe white-sand beaches. Watch for three-toed sloths lazing among the branches, and spot monkeys and vividly colored birds. This afternoon follow the Pacific coastline south and stop for a refreshing swim or a hike. (B,L,D)



Green-crowned brilliant hummingbird.

DAY 3: OSA PENINSULA

Anchor off the Osa Peninsula to see some of the most pristine lowland rain forest on the Pacific coast. In the environs of Corcovado National Park, swim in waterfall pools, take an optional horseback ride on the coast, or trek through the rain forest for a chance to see four species of monkeys—howler, spider, capuchin, and squirrel. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GOLFO DULCE

Enter the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce along the southwestern edge of Costa Rica. Visit Casa Orquídeas, a tropical paradise of ornamental palms, bromeliads, heliconias, and orchids, closed to the general public and reached by boat only. Keep your eye out for tanagers, parrots, and toucans. Later, explore the placid bay, ideal for kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, Zodiac rides, and swimming. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: COIBA NATIONAL PARK, PANAMA

The first stop in Panama this morning is at the remote Isla Coiba, one of the many islands of Coiba National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Once a penal colony, the island has long been protected and accessible by special permit only. Among its many endemic species are



the Coiba Island agouti and the mantled howler monkey, as well as four varieties of sea turtle. Discover rich marine life while snorkeling, go kayaking or hiking, try stand-up paddleboarding, or simply relax on the beach. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS/ PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Today, explore the tiny islets of the Gulf of Panama by Zodiac or kayak. Here we might spot frigatebirds, brown pelicans, neotropical cormorants, and brown boobies. Set sail for the Panama Canal this afternoon. Stretching more than 50 miles, the canal was a colossal engineering feat completed in 1914. It is still traversed by some 14,000 ships every year. As cargo ships tend to pass through the canal during the day, we'll most likely begin our crossing at night, when the canal is dramatically lit. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: GATÚN LAKE/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

Board our Zodiacs to visit Barro Colorado Nature Monument in Gatún Lake by special arrangement. Scientists have worked at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute on Barro Colorado Island since 1923, researching its 120 mammals and diverse tree species. It is also the site of a National Geographic-supported project that tracks tagged animals using automated radio signals and wireless technology. Join local guides for a walk through the forests. This evening, continue through the complex lock system of the canal. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: COLÓN/PANAMA CITY/U.S.

After breakfast, disembark in Colón and transfer to the airport in Panama City for your flight home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017/18 Dec. 2, 9*, 16, 23*, 30; Jan. 6*, 13, 20*, 27; Mar. 19*

*These departures travel from Panama City to San José.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **Jul. 31, 2017** and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** from Miami or a **FREE Panama City Extension** on select 2017/18 departures.

NEW ACTIVITY!

National Geographic Quest now has stand-up paddleboarding available, creating a whole new way to explore Costa Rica and Panama.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with award-winning photographer, **Kike Calvo** on the Dec. 9, 2017 and Mar. 19, 2018 departures.



The Panama Canal.

COSTA RICA TO PANAMA PLUS MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

PRICES FROM: \$7,790 TO \$11,920 (See pages 19 for complete prices.)

DAY 1: MIAMI/SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
Depart Miami mid-morning on a nonstop flight to San Jose, Costa Rica. Upon arrival, a short drive brings us to the Costa Rica Marriott Hotel. (D)

DAYS 2 AND 3: MONTEVERDE CLOUD FOREST

A scenic drive takes us to Monteverde Cloud Forest, an acclaimed private reserve. Bathed in cool, year-round moisture, the forest is covered with mosses and 300 species of orchids. Walk trails rich with butterflies and

bird life. Ascend the Skywalk, a series of suspension bridges, for a bird's-eye view of the rain forest canopy. Learn about life in the early Monteverde community from one of the original Quaker homesteaders. Spend each night at a charming, family-owned lodge. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MONTEVERDE/HERRADURA/ EMBARK

Visit a butterfly farm before transferring to Herradura to embark our ship. (B,L,D)



Guests explore on the Skywalk in Monteverde.

DAYS 4-11 FOLLOW “COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL” ITINERARY ON PAGES 10-11

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Nov. 29; Dec. 13, 27
2018 Jan. 10, 24

PANAMA TO COSTA RICA + MONTEVERDE, ARENAL VOLCANO & TORTUGUERO

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

PRICES FROM: \$10,410 TO \$14,810 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

DAYS 1-7 FOLLOW “COSTA RICA & THE PANAMA CANAL” ITINERARY IN REVERSE (PAGES 10-11).

NOTE: DAYS 8-15 CAN BE TAKEN AS A STAND-ALONE EXPEDITION. SEE PAGE 13.

DAY 8: HERRADURA/MONTEVERDE
Disembark and transfer to the Tarcoles River to bird watch. Later, visit the Bat Jungle exhibit or hear from an early Quaker settler. Stay at a peaceful retreat with plenty of picturesque views. (B,L,D)

DAYS 9 AND 10: MONTEVERDE/ARENAL
Enjoy a visit to a butterfly farm and a tour of the Monteverde reserve. Get a new perspective on the region as you sail across Lake Arenal. Check into your hotel and relax in thermal pools heated by Arenal Volcano. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 AND 12: ARENAL/TORTUGUERO

Walk the Arenal Hanging Bridges, strung through two miles of dense rain forest canopy, then experience the traditional sugar-making process. A charter flight will bring us to Tortuguero, a spectacular lowland forest on Costa Rica's northeast coast. Tour the wildlife-rich canals of Tortuguero National Park in small guided boats. Later, check into a rustic lodge at the water's edge for dinner. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 AND 14: TORTUGUERO/ SAN JOSÉ

Today, continue to explore the Tortuguero National Park canals by boat or kayak. Enjoy a visit to the Sea Turtle Conservancy to learn the area's history and go for a stroll through the carless village. Then, partake in a workshop on



Kayaking in the canals of Tortuguero National Park.

preparing chocolate at Sibú Chocolatier. The day ends with a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SAN JOSÉ/U.S.

Transfer to the San José airport for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Dec. 9, 23
2018 Jan. 6, 20; Mar. 19

EXPLORING COSTA RICA: CLOUD FOREST TO THE CARIBBEAN

9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—LAND-ONLY EXCURSION

PRICES FROM: \$4,720 per person double occupancy and \$5,220 sole occupancy

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Experience the mist-shrouded cloud forest on a naturalist-led hike through Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.
- ▶ Walk suspension bridges in the shadow of active Arenal Volcano, and then relax in springs warmed by volcanic activity.
- ▶ Visit the remote, car-free town of Tortuguero and venture into the rain forest via green-canopied canals.

DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ

Fly to San José, Costa Rica and transfer to your hotel. Meet your naturalist guide and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: SAN JOSÉ/TÁRCOLES RIVER/MONTEVERDE

Search for American crocodiles on the Tárcoles River before venturing to the nearby Bat Jungle exhibit. We'll check into a family-owned retreat with expansive grounds and picturesque views of the cloud forest. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: MONTEVERDE

Begin the day at a butterfly farm where we'll have the opportunity to see dozens of local species. After lunch, we'll tour the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and search for monkeys, hummingbirds, and possibly the rare resplendent quetzal. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: MONTEVERDE/ARENAL

After breakfast, drive to Lake Arenal and cross in small boats for a fresh perspective on the volcano. We'll dine at a restaurant on the lake's far side before checking into an elegant hotel surrounded by gardens and pastures with grazing animals and views of the smoldering Arenal Volcano. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ARENAL VOLCANO

Walk the Arenal Hanging Bridges strung more than two miles through the rain forest canopy.

Later, relax in the naturally heated thermal pools. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ARENAL/TORTUGUERO

A charter flight will bring us to Tortuguero, a spectacular lowland forest on Costa Rica's northeast coast. Tour the wildlife-rich canals of Tortuguero National Park in small guided boats. Later, check into a rustic lodge at the water's edge for dinner. (B,L,D)

DAYS 7 AND 8: TORTUGUERO/SAN JOSÉ

Today, continue to explore the Tortuguero National Park canals by boat or kayak to spot monkeys, caiman, and myriad bird species. Enjoy a visit to the Sea Turtle Conservancy to learn the area's history and go for a stroll through the carless village. Then, partake in



a workshop on preparing chocolate at Sibú Chocolatier. Both days end with a delicious dinner prepared at the lodge, including a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: SAN JOSÉ/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to San José for flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Dec. 1, 15, 29; 2018 Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 17, 22, 27; Mar. 4, 9, 14, 19, 25; Apr. 2, 16

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Take advantage of your proximity—add this Exploring Costa Rica: Cloud Forest to the Caribbean journey as a Post-Extension for the [Belize to Tikal](#) ship-based expedition (page 14). Call for details.



NEW

BELIZE TO TIKAL: REEFS, RIVERS & RUINS OF THE MAYA WORLD

9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

PRICES FROM: \$5,490 to \$8,840 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

Embark on a unique land-and-sea expedition to discover Maya ruins overgrown with tropical rain forest and incredible, seldom-seen reefs. Snorkel among some of the 65 species of stony coral and 500 species of fish on the Belize Barrier Reef with the new 100-guest *National Geographic Quest* as your base for exploration. Then venture to the ancient Maya ruins of Tikal to explore the stories and archaeological sites of these stone temples swathed in rain forest and teeming with wildlife.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Snorkel on the second largest barrier reef in the world.
- ▶ Walk the ancient city of Tikal over a full day and a half with expert guides who share the secrets of the site.
- ▶ Explore a partially excavated Maya temple situated on a tiny island in the middle of a lake where only the sounds of jungle wildlife and tropical birds float through the air.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE



Our unparalleled 10-person expedition team is key to an in-depth experience. An expedition leader, four naturalists, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and undersea specialist, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, all contribute to your understanding of the Maya world. Certain departures will feature a National Geographic photographer or expert.

Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.

Temple of the Masks, Tikal.



DAY 1: U.S./BELIZE CITY, BELIZE/ EMBARK

Fly to Belize. Embark *National Geographic Quest*. (D)

DAY 2: LAUGHING BIRD CAYE NATIONAL PARK OR SAPODILLA CAYES MARINE RESERVE, BELIZE

Snorkel, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard the crystalline waters of Laughing Bird Caye National Park or Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve. Discover the dazzling undersea of the Belize Barrier Reef, second only to the Great Barrier Reef in terms of biodiversity, while snorkeling or, if certified, scuba diving. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: QUIRIGUÁ & RIO DULCE, GUATEMALA

See the highly detailed stonework of the Maya ruins of Quiriguá, sculpted to glorify Maya kings. Lunch on the shores of Lake Izabal then take local boats through the beautiful limestone canyon of the Rio Dulce. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GLOVER'S REEF/SOUTH WATER CAYE MARINE RESERVE

Explore turquoise seas and protected reefs of Glover's Reef and South Water Caye Marine Reserves by snorkeling or, if certified, diving, then explore the shoreline and reef top by kayak or stand-up paddleboard. If conditions permit, we may stop at a remote field station to learn about reef research. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: LIGHTHOUSE REEF & HALF MOON CAYE NATURAL MONUMENT

Snorkel, dive, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard inside the fringing reef that surrounds Lighthouse Reef Atoll. This lagoon is dotted with hundreds of coral patches, and is known for its high diversity of corals and fishes. Walk through the endangered and fragile littoral forest at Half Moon Caye, to view the nesting population of red-footed boobies from observation platforms. (B,L,D)



Scuba diver with hawksbill turtle.

DAY 6: BELIZE CITY/DISEMBARK/ FLORES, GUATEMALA/TIKAL

Take a charter flight to Flores, Guatemala. Transfer to Tikal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the largest and most impressive archeological sites and urban centers of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization, which we'll explore over two days. Check into the Camino Real Tikal Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TIKAL, GUATEMALA

Delve deeper into Maya history and



architecture with local experts in Tikal while enjoying a stay at the Camino Real Tikal Hotel. Explore the many temples, including Temple I, which rises 154 feet from the jungle floor, and the North and South Acrópolis. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: YAXHÁ & TOPOXTÉ, GUATEMALA

Visit Yaxhá, the third largest ruin in the Maya world, beautifully situated on a ridge overlooking Yaxhá Lake. Hike nearby trails or explore the lesser-visited ruins at Topoxté, secluded on an island in the lake. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: FLORES/GUATEMALA CITY/U.S.

Fly from Flores to Guatemala City this morning, to connect with international flights home. (B)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 Feb. 8, 13, 18, 23, 28; Mar. 5, 10

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

Combine your Belize to Tikal expedition with a one-day/one-night stay in Antigua, Guatemala OR join a 9-day/8-night extension [Exploring Costa Rica: Cloud Forest to the Caribbean](#) that also includes one day in Antigua, Guatemala. See page 13 for itinerary. Please call for details.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERT

Join expert archaeologist **Richard Hansen** on the Feb. 28, 2018 departure for a deeper look into Maya civilization.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Join National Geographic photographer and naturalist **Jeff Mauritzen** on the Feb. 23 & Mar. 5, 2018 departures.



Lighthouse Atoll, Half Moon Caye.

TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

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Some expedition team members aboard National Geographic Quest (clockwise from left) include Rab Cummings, expedition leader, Emily Mount, naturalist and certified photo instructor, Sharon Grainger, cultural expert and certified photo instructor, Cindy Manning, veteran expedition leader, and José Calvo, naturalist and certified photo instructor.



CAPTURE THE ADVENTURE— TAKE GREAT PHOTOS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

The *National Geographic Quest* itineraries featured here offer unrivaled photo ops, and our Expedition Photography program ensures you'll be able to take advantage of them. Every expedition features a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor to provide assistance for every skill level. Whether you need help with your camera and settings, instruction in the basics of composition, or inspiration and shooting tips in the field, their expertise will help you improve your skills, and enable you to return home with your best photos ever. Because each is also a naturalist, you'll learn to observe the wildlife behavior that leads to top shots. Enhancing your ability to observe and capture will have lasting value.



For more inspiration, join top National Geographic photographers on select departures:

JEFF MAURITZEN: Exploring British Columbia & the San Juan Islands — Sep. 14, 2017

Belize to Tikal: Reefs, Rivers & Ruins of the Maya World — Feb. 23 & Mar. 5, 2018

KIKE CALVO: Costa Rica and the Panama Canal — Dec. 9, 2017 & Mar. 19, 2018

NEW SHIP



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

CAPACITY: 100 Guests in 50 cabins.
REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.
The *National Geographic Quest* (launching 2017) will be the latest addition to our fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A., it will set a new standard in exploration and comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and dinner is served family-style. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, video microscope, stand-up paddleboards, and snorkeling gear for all guests (where applicable).

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler, and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist, and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.



Insets clockwise from top: (Artist’s renderings): The lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; a spacious and open sun deck will provide unparalleled views.



Left to right: (Artist's renderings) Category 5 cabin is our most spacious. Category 4 cabin with lower single beds converted to a Queen and a private balcony.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

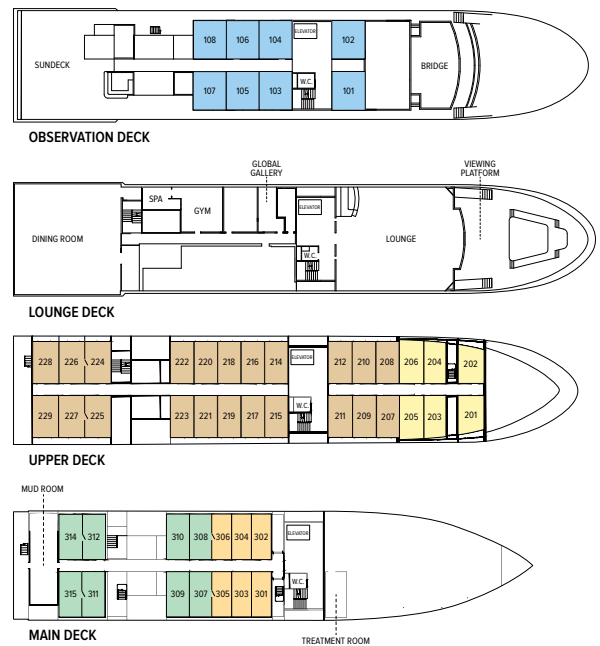
CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two large view windows.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door, and small, private balcony.

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227



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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5 SUITE	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Exploring British Columbia & the San Juan Islands – Page 8	2017	\$4,990	\$5,690	\$6,190	\$6,990	\$7,790	\$7,490	\$8,540	\$750	We will gladly assist you in making your air arrangements. Please call for airfares from your departure city.
Costa Rica & the Panama Canal – Page 10	2017/18	\$5,990	\$6,590	\$6,990	\$7,790	\$8,690	\$8,990	\$9,890	\$750	Sample Airfares: Miami/Panama City, San José/Miami or vice versa: Economy from \$500; Business from \$1,200.
Costa Rica to Panama + Monteverde – Page 12	2017/18	\$7,790	\$8,390	\$8,790	\$9,590	\$10,490	\$11,020	\$11,920	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Miami/San José, Panama City/Miami Economy from \$500; Business from \$1,200.
Panama to Costa Rica + Monteverde, Arenal & Tortuguero – Page 13	2017/18	\$10,410	\$11,010	\$11,410	\$12,210	\$13,110	\$13,910	\$14,810	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: Miami/Panama City, San José/Miami: Economy from \$500; Business from \$1,200.
Belize to Tikal: Reefs, Rivers & Ruins of the Maya World – Page 14	2018	\$5,490	\$5,890	\$6,290	\$6,990	\$7,790	\$8,240	\$8,840	\$750	Sample Airfares: Miami/Belize City/ Guatemala City/Miami - Economy from \$540; Business from \$1,300; Charter flight: Flores/Guatemala City - \$250

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COMPLIMENTARY AIRFARE OR FREE EXTENSION ON SELECT COSTA

RICA & PANAMA DEPARTURES: Book by Jul. 31, 2017 and receive FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE from Miami or a FREE Panama City Extension on select 2017/18 departures.

On voyages with complimentary air offers, airfare is based on economy group flights that must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that Lindblad's group or charter 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 and pre- and post-extensions. Call for details.

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.

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS: Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken on board one of our expedition ships. This savings is applicable on voyage fares only, and are not valid on extensions or airfare.

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—alcohol, internet usage, tips to the crew, wellness treatments and other specialized arrangements.

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals & non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance & company of our expedition staff

ASHORE

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

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkeling & paddleboarding (where indicated)
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge



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Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), charter flight from Flores to Guatemala City on Day 9 of Belize to Tikal itinerary; extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, scuba diving (where available), meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, internet access, voyage DVD (where available) and 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.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment is required at the time of reservation. The per person advance payment amount varies by program, and is outlined in our brochures, as well as on our website. Holiday departure dates and certain longer voyages may carry additional advance deposit requirements due to high demand for these voyages. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

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Entry and Visa Requirements: All guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other 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

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Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change. Under normal conditions, the total expedition cost is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the published price is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event we determine that current costs create an unsustainable financial model, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to pass on these costs to you, to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide a transparent accounting of the reason for such an increase in costs.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$350*
119–90 days	Advance payment cost
89–60 days	25% of total fare
59–45 days	50% of total fare
44–0 days	No refund

*\$350 will be refunded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions, as well as all other additional services. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees.

Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our group cancellation and Denali cancellation policies are listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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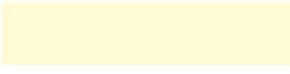
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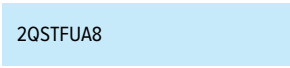
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