

# Wild Pacific Coast

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC For more than 50 years, Lindblad Expeditions has been taking adventurous travelers deep into the world's most remote places, from Antarctica to the Amazon. Our approach to the Pacific Coast is underpinned by that same spirit of exploration. Step aboard our small, purpose-built expedition ships and get a new vantage point on the wild beauty at your doorstep, from colossal sea caves and rivers of icebergs to uninhabited isles teeming with endemic species.

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## **Experience Immersive and Authentic Exploration**

Over the course of a nearly 20-year partnership, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have offered meaningful travel experiences that ignite a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you join one of our expeditions along the Pacific Coast, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy in exploration, including a veteran team of knowledgeable experts and exclusive programs inspired by our enduring quest for discovery.

#### The Most Experienced Team

Every member of our staff—from our naturalists, undersea specialists, and expedition leaders to our crew working behind the scenes—is committed to ensuring our guests have an unforgettable experience. Many are veteran guides who have worked with us for decades, chosen for their extensive knowledge of subjects



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like geology, history, and wildlife biology. They provide rich context to the cultures and landscapes we encounter.

#### **Travel With Inspiring Guest Speakers**

Our Global Voices program features expert guest speakers—including National Geographic Experts who offer fascinating insights about the places we explore. From accomplished scientists and explorers to renowned authors and world leaders, these inspiring individuals travel alongside us, giving compelling lectures and engaging in lively conversations with our guests. Travelers on the April 7, 2024 departure of our **Columbia & Snake Rivers Journey**, for instance, will be joined by award-winning poet and author Joy Harjo—the 23rd Poet Laureate for the United States and the first Native American to hold the position.

#### **GLOBAL VOICES**

Visit **expeditions.com/guestspeakers** to see the full roster of speakers joining upcoming voyages.

## with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

#### Take Great Photos with the Pros

NATIONAL<br/>GEOGRAPHICA Lindblad Expeditions-<br/>National Geographic certifiedphoto instructor (CPI) joins each voyage to assist travelerswith everything from camera settings to composition.Every guest—from smartphone camera users to<br/>advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top<br/>photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home<br/>with the photos of a lifetime. With the complimentary<br/>OM System Photo Gear Locker, you can field test new<br/>lenses, camera bodies, and more.

#### Inspiring the Next Generation of Explorers

The National Geographic Global Explorers Program fosters the next generation of global stewards through hands-on, educational activities in naturally fun and fascinating places, including Alaska and Baja California. Certified field educators use the natural world as a classroom to help kids hone their observation skills and share their experiences through photographs, videos, drawings, and more. With a range of activities to choose from, such as identifying whale flukes or earning their Zodiac license, kids can pursue their own interests, whether it's marine biology, geology, or photography.



IGNITE THEIR INNER EXPLORER Visit expeditions.com/globalexplorers for program details.

#### **Commitment to Conservation**

Sustainability is at the heart of our mission, and you can travel with peace of mind, knowing every voyage we sail gives back to the places we explore through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund. Together with our guests, we have contributed nearly \$18 million to protect our oceans, restore marine and coastal habitats, and foster environmental stewardship around the world.



## Our U.S.-Flagged Ships The Ideal Base for In-Depth Exploration

The small and nimble ships in the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet are designed to provide up-close experiences in the planet's wildest and most remote places. On the Pacific Coast, that means navigating narrow fjords to reach remote, old-growth rainforests; going ashore on uninhabited islands to stroll atop coastal bluffs; and slipping past shifting sandbars to anchor in serene lagoons rich with marine life. Our ships in this region have the additional advantage of being U.S.-flagged, eliminating customs stops in domestic destinations and allowing more time to explore.



Each vessel is stocked with a fleet of Zodiacs that allow us to sail without being dependent on ports or piers, while our kayaks and paddleboards let you glide into inlets to watch sea lions at play or safely observe a bear feeding in a quiet cove. When we're not out exploring, open decks and large windows keep travelers connected to extraordinary views of sapphire seas and the marine life that frequents these waters.



We want your time on board to be as rewarding as your time on shore. Our team of experts—naturalists, cultural experts, and certified photo instructors—will be on

hand, giving compelling lectures and engaging in lively conversations with our guests. Inviting and comfortable public spaces foster a spirited shipboard life, while our sustainable seafood and regional produce program give you a taste of North America's wild bounty.

**ALL IN:** Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price. **CHEERS!** Enjoy complimentary beer and wine aboard our U.S.-flagged ships. The U.S. flags on our Alaska fleet allow us to skip lengthy customs stops and head straight into the wilderness, giving you more time to explore.

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Fleet of Zodiacs return to National Geographic Quest anchored in narrow Owl's Pass. For guests, our relationships with local food purveyors translate to menus that are unique to each departure, crafted from what is fresh at the very moment they are on the water.

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Dish prepared by Chef Erin Pandy onboard National Geographic Venture in the Channel Islands.

## Sourcing at Sea Local Cuisine on Board

As part of our sustainable food program, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic strives to serve locally sourced seafood, meat, and produce wherever we sail—and in fertile places like western North America, there is no shortage of ingredients to draw from. On several voyages in the region, travelers who are curious about the origins of their meals can witness—and even take part in—the farm-to-table process firsthand.

At dinnertime during a voyage through the Pacific Northwest, if you happen to taste an intensely flavorful and garlicky green while enjoying your lamb chop, it's likely locally grown ramps, specially handpicked for your meal. "We identify local vendors who are using sustainable methods to grow the best products in the regions we visit. We have a forager who gathers mushrooms, fiddleheads, and ramps for our *Columbia & Snake Rivers Journey*," says Ana Esteves, Vice President of Hotel Operations for Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic.



For guests, these relationships with local purveyors translate to menus that are unique to each departure, crafted from what is fresh at the very moment they are on

the water. Culinary experiences also extend beyond mealtime, with travelers often getting the chance to meet foragers and farmers on their own turf. On the 'fruit loop' adventure in Oregon's Hood River Valley, for example, travelers can pick apples and pears from local orchards and taste cider and honey from the adjoining farm stands. Guests on the *Exploring British Columbia and the San Juan Islands* voyage join ship chefs at Aurora Farms in Washington State to select ingredients for expedition meals. Menus might include dishes like Pacific wild halibut topped with edible flowers and a dulce de leche dessert



made with cream from a local San Juan Island farm.

Wine tastings offer a chance to interact with the people creating the coveted bottlings coming from the Pacific Coast. Travelers on *A Southern Migration: From the Channel Islands to Baja California* visit a family-run winery in the Valle de Guadalupe for an inside look at Mexico's up-and-coming wine scene, topped off with a private tasting and lunch.

If you find that you can't part with all the fresh flavors when your trip is over, the good news is that at most stops, you can stock up on delicious souvenirs and bring home a taste of this tantalizing travel region.

## Pacific Northwest, British Columbia & Alaska

Ancient rainforests blanket the Pacific Northwest and coastal Alaska, unfurling amid a maze of sparkling inlets and coves where porpoises leap and orca fins flash. Sail these misty seas, or voyage inland, along iconic rivers that wind through dramatic rock canyons and valleys filled with wildflowers and fruit trees.



## Columbia & Snake Rivers Journey



**8 DAYS | FROM \$5,880** Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/columbiasnake

Explore in the wake of Lewis and Clark, savoring the beauty and abundance of a region that reminds us places close to home can be just as stunning as the most exotic faraway locales.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sail in the wake of Lewis and Clark's legendary Corps of Discovery expedition, visiting historic sites and gaining insight from an onboard historian.
- ▶ Taste the bounty of the region through our locally-sourced culinary program, featuring just-caught wild salmon, freshly foraged mushrooms, and terroir-driven wines.
- ▶ Tour the wineries, orchards, and farms along Hood River's famous "fruit loop" and enjoy a farm-to-table lunch overlooking the valley.
- Witness the stunning geology of Hells Canyon, Columbia River Gorge, and the Palouse River up close via jet boat, Zodiac or kayak.

Vista House in Oregon along the Columbia River Gorge

#### DAY 1: PORTLAND, OREGON/EMBARK

Board our ship and discover why Portland is nicknamed "Bridgetown" as we sail under eight of the city's eclectic bridges. (D)

#### DAY 2: ASTORIA

Navigate the Columbia near the mouth of the river at Astoria. At Cape Disappointment, where Meriwether Lewis first glimpsed the Pacific in 1805, explore the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Explore more of Astoria with several options to choose from in the afternoon. (B,L,D) *Please note: Spring itinerary visits Walla Walla in lieu of Astoria.* 

#### DAYS 3 & 4: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE/ HOOD RIVER

Gain a fresh perspective on such highlights as Bonneville Lock and Dam, Multnomah Falls, and Beacon Rock (perhaps even hike it if you are inclined). Visit the stunning Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center featuring 15,000 years of history before enjoying a farm-to-table orchard lunch overlooking the golden Hood River Valley. Visit the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum or walk along the original Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway and through the Mosier Twin Tunnels. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: CRUISING THE COLUMBIA Take in the most scenic and geologically



interesting stretches of the Columbia River with the expert insight of our onboard geologist. Capture the diverse landscapes with the help of a certified photo instructor. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: PALOUSE RIVER

Explore the still waters and basalt cliffs of the Palouse by Zodiac or kayak (conditions permitting). Visit marvelous Palouse Falls before sailing up the Snake River while enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

Today we reach Clarkston, more than 450 miles from sea. Travel by comfortable jet boat up the Snake River into one of North America's most scenic spots, spectacular Hells Canyon. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: CLARKSTON/DISEMBARK Transfer to Lewiston, Idaho or Spokane, Washington for connecting flights home. (B)



**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:** Add a two-day optional Portland City & Wine Tour extension, or a three-day Lewiston Wine & History experience. Visit **expeditions.com/cs-ext** for details.

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion 2023-2024 September, October, March\*, April\*

National Geographic Quest 2023 September, October

Certain departures travel in reverse.

\*These departures include a stop in Walla Walla in lieu of Astoria. See below for details.



#### SPRING BLOOM

Spring departures take advantage of the region in bloom with a visit to Walla Walla in lieu of Astoria. Visit historic museums and enjoy lunch and a tasting at a local winery. See **expeditions.com/columbiasnake** for Spring itinerary details.



#### SPECIAL GUEST

U.S. Poet Laureate **Joy Harjo** joins the April 7, 2024 departure to share perspectives on indigenous groups of the Pacific Northwest.

SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Jun. 30, 2023:
- \$600 USD/pp air credit.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Complimentary beer and wine.

Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.

### Exploring British Columbia & the San Juan Islands



#### ■:::: ■ 8 DAYS | FROM \$5,560

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/sanjuan

Discover the powerful wildness, First Nations history, and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest on a wide-ranging exploration of the San Juan Islands and British Columbia.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sail among remote islands where sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and white-sided dolphins can be found.
- Search for humpbacks and orcas, visit the Whale Museum, and learn about local populations from a researcher for the Center for Whale Research.
- Go through Desolation Sound on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, a mecca for kayakers with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty.
- In Alert Bay visit the U'Mista Cultural Center to see a stunning collection of potlatch masks created by the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples.
- In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Robert Bateman Centre.

Sunset over the calm waters of the San Juan Islands.

#### DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/ EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle and transfer to *National Geographic Venture* 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. Walks with our expert staff will familiarize you with the natural and cultural history of the rugged northwest coast region. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: FRIDAY HARBOR

Explore picturesque Friday Harbor. Visit the Whale Museum's fascinating collection, and stop in at small shops and galleries. (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 explore the architecture of James Bay, the oldest residential neighborhood on the west coast north of San Francisco. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature while taking in the incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: EXPLORING THE GULF ISLANDS

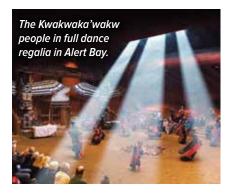
Wake this morning among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachter's paradise. We'll take our pick of perfect spots to kayak, hike, and search for wildlife. (B,L,D)

#### 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 marine mammals and birdwatching. Today we visit one of the oldest First Nations communities 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, which houses one of the region's finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia, and coppers. Visit the Big House, where the T'sasala 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. We'll pick the perfect bay where we can explore by foot, kayak, or Zodiac. Tonight, enjoy a 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 backyard. After breakfast, disembark the ship for connecting flights home. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024\* September, October

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

\* Please note 2024 departures will operate round-trip Seattle, covering the same stops along the way.

#### SPECIAL GUEST

Conservation scientist and National Geographic Expert Lauren Eckert joins our Oct. 14, 2023 departure.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Jun. 30, 2023:
- \$400 USD/pp air credit.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Complimentary beer and wine.

Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.



### Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska and British Columbia



#### 14 DAYS | FROM \$10,960/pp

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/treasures

Embark on an epic, in-depth exploration of the wild coasts and secluded waterways of Alaska, British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest, and enjoy ample time to take in breathtaking nature and the fascinating cultural facets of the region.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sail among the more remote San Juan Islands to kayak or hike where seals, sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and occasionally killer whales congregate.
- By special permit, sail into Glacier Bay National Park and pass a full day taking in its grand scale.
- Stroll the streets of the 100-year-old town of Petersburg, Alaska, learning about its fishing industry and Norwegian heritage.
- In Misty Fjords National Monument, kayak along sheer, glacially carved cliffs and forested backwaters.
- In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Robert Bateman Centre.



#### DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/ EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle and transfer to the ship for embarkation. (D)

#### DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Explore the San Juan Islands via naturalist-led hikes, kayaks, and Zodiac cruises, keeping an eye out for wildlife. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Arrive in charming Victoria and choose from several options to explore. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through historic Old Town, or peruse the art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Robert Bateman Centre while taking in an incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: GULF ISLANDS

Located in the Strait of Georgia, the Gulf Islands are a kayaker's paradise. Explore the myriad islets and rocky coasts with an eye out for an array of sea birds, shore birds and birds of prey. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA Observe a traditional First Nations performance

in Alert Bay, visit the Big House, and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 6 & 7: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Search the coastline for whales, dolphins, bears, and more. Go ashore to explore among the bays and inlets via kayak. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ALASKA

Cruise past glacially-carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fiords' forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: PETERSBURG

Bike or walk the small, fishing village of



Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Later, walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg." This evening enjoy a special crab feast. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: TRACY ARM-FORD'S TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise among electric blue sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Via special park permit, spend the entire day among enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 12: INIAN ISLANDS / ICY STRAIT Cruise among the abundant, active marine life of the Inians, where the Pacific meets the Inside Passage and nutrients rush in. Hike, kayak, or search for whales in Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: EXPLORING BARANOF OR

CHICHAGOF ISLAND Search for humpback whales in the rich waters off Chichagof or Baranof Island. Kayak, hike, and enjoy a Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 14: SITKA/DISEMBARK

Visit the Sitka National Historic Park before transfer to the airport. (B)





#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Quest 2023-2024 May, September

#### National Geographic Venture 2024 May

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

#### **DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

Add a seven-day pre- or post-voyage inland adventure to explore Denali National Park. Visit expeditions.com/denali for details.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Jun. 30, 2023:
- \$700 USD/pp air credit.
- First child at 50% off, second child FREE.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Complimentary beer and wine.

Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.

## Voyage to the Great Bear Rainforest



8 DAYS | FROM \$5,560/pp Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/greatbear

Sail into the narrow, winding fjords of northern British Columbia and enter the domain of the rare Spirit Bear. Named one of National Geographic's "Places of a Lifetime," this protected coastal temperate rainforest is roughly the size of Ireland and features salmon-rich streams, forests of towering cedars, and abundant wildlife.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take kayaks and Zodiacs deep into verdant fjords and along wildlife-rich shores, in search of bears, golden eagles, pods of orca whales, and more.
- Journey into the most pristine, beautiful forests in the region, inaccessible by road and managed by First Nations people.
- Learn the human history of the region from our cultural interpreter (schedules permitting) and on visits to fascinating First Nations museums.
- Kayak among massive smacks of jellyfish and witness the surprising undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist.

Rare capture of the elusive spirit bear in the Great Bear Rainforest.

#### DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Arrive in Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Center to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Embark *National Geographic Venture*. (D)



#### DAY 2: PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Wake up in Prince Rupert, a scenic harbor town on British Columbia's rugged northwest coast. Get immersed in First Nations history at the Museum of Northern British Columbia, built in the style of a coastal longhouse. Breathe in the scent of cedar beams and peruse an impressive collection of ornate carvings, weavings, ceremonial objects, and regalia. Visit the North Pacific Cannery Museum, a collection of cannery buildings located in a pristine wilderness surrounding that highlights British Columbia's economic, cultural, and natural development over the last century. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 3-6: EXPLORING GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST & COASTAL BC

Over the next four days, we will cruise deep into the fjords and deep valleys that carve into the Coast Mountain Range looking for black and grizzly bears. On rare occasions the mythic "Spirit Bear" can be spotted; however there are fewer than 400 estimated to exist. We will be accompanied by a cultural interpreter (schedules permitting) who will share with you local Indigenous knowledge, culture, and practice and offer unparalleled insights. Almost 15 percent of the land in British Columbia is protected, with a wide range of provincial parks, national parks, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will go ashore and explore several remote locations where few people venture. Discover hidden gems by Zodiac and kayak, navigating the tidal narrows that lead to the spectacular Gilttoyees Inlet and into rugged valleys—all while constantly scanning the rocky shoreline for bears. (B,L,D)



#### DAY 7: CRUISING/LOWE INLET PROVINCIAL MARINE PARK

Seek out pods of killer whales and foraging brown bears as we sail north through the narrow Grenville Channel, a dramatic navigational experience. Not only does the channel narrow to less than a quarter of a mile across, but a slight bend in the passage makes the waterway seem to disappear into the hills ahead and behind the ship. If conditions allow, we will drop our Zodiacs and kayaks to explore the salmon stream at Verney Falls in Lowe Inlet Provincial Marine Park on our way to Prince Rupert. (B,L,D)



DAY 8: PRINCE RUPERT/DISEMBARK/ SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Return to Ketchikan and disembark the ship after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for a chartered flight to Seattle. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 September

#### SPECIAL GUEST

Scientist, author and photographer Jacqueline Windh joins our 2023 departures.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

Book by Jun. 30, 2023:

- \$700/pp air credit.
- First kid at 50% off, second kid FREE.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Complimentary beer and wine.

Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.



## Channel Islands National Park & Baja California

The waters off California and Mexico's Pacific coastlines are a virtual aquarium, where dolphins leap, sea lions frolic, and multiple species of whale migrate. Sail seas rich with these marine wonders and go ashore on desert isles that shelter unusual flora and fauna found nowhere else on Earth.



### Wild California Escape: Channel Islands National Park



#### 5 DAYS | FROM \$3,360

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/wildchan

Escape the clang of contemporary life for the alluring remoteness of California's Channel Islands, a one-of-a-kind National Park often considered "The Galápagos of North America."

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the islands by walking miles of trails, paddling crystal clear waters by kayak or stand-up paddleboard, exploring by Zodiac, or photographing breathtaking landscapes and bird colonies.
- Hike in a Torrey Pine grove, one of only two on Earth, and enjoy a picnic lunch with sweeping views of the natural harbor.
- See iconic animals such as the American bison, bald eagles, and Channel Island fox.
- Delve into the natural wonders and curious history of Catalina Island, including a visit to Avalon--a haven for movie stars in Hollywood's golden era.

#### AN UNPRECEDENTED EXPEDITION

Our expedition among this remote and storied archipelago is the only way to visit multiple islands in one trip. Dayboats can take you to a single island to hike or camp, but roaming exploration of the Channels on our nimble ships (with comfy staterooms) is a unique offering, and the only way to take in the full natural splendor of this extraordinary National Park.

> Travelers get a unique view of the rugged and remote shores of Channel Islands National Park while exploring by kayak.

#### **DAY 1:** LOS ANGELES, CA/EMBARK Arrive in the early evening to embark the ship and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

#### DAY 2: ANACAPA AND SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS, CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast and optional yoga, head ashore to explore East Anacapa Island. Hike to aptly named Inspiration Point for stunning views over the islands, then stop at Anacapa Lighthouse built in 1912. Or, if you prefer a leisurely morning, explore the vast kelp fields and Arch Rock via Zodiac. In the afternoon we'll reposition to Santa Cruz Island for an afternoon of exploration. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: SANTA ROSA ISLAND

Kickstart with a morning stretch class before kayaking, hiking, or simply exploring ashore. Join our naturalists for a more strenuous hike out to the base of the Torrey Pines, considered one of the world's rarest pines, and one of only two naturally occurring groves in the world. End the day with a pre-dinner sunset cocktail party. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

After breakfast, go trekking into the Catalina backcountry, or head to the shoreline to kayak or stand-up paddleboard. After lunch, the ship arrives in Avalon Harbor, the island's only incorporated city. Explore downtown or walk up Avalon Canyon to visit the Wrigley Monument and the Botanic Garden. Or visit an architectural gem: the famous Catalina





Casino, built in 1929. Scuba-certified? At an additional cost, our team will arrange diving and gear rental with a top local operator. Return to the ship for a farewell dinner and a final evening at sea, under the stars. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5: LOS ANGELES/DISEMBARK Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking. (B)

#### **DEPARTURES**

National Geographic Quest 2023-2024 April

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 October, November

PLEASE NOTE: Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification based on weather conditions and National Park Service permit guidelines.



#### SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Jun. 30, 2023:
- \$350/pp air credit.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Complimentary beer and wine.
- Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.



### A Southern Migration: From the Channel Islands to Baja California



#### 12 DAYS | FROM \$8,330

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/latolapaz

Follow the migration of birds and humpbacks on an epic journey from Los Angeles to La Paz, witnessing intact wildness and serenity of Channel Islands National Park, Ensenada, Magdalena Bay, and more.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Follow the migration of birds and humpback whales on an epic journey from Los Angeles to La Paz.
- ► Discover one of the nation's best-kept secrets, Channel Islands National Park.
- Enjoy a private culinary excursion to the vineyards of Valle de Guadalupe.
- ▶ Explore the waters and experience the wildlife of Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve.
- Roam the ever-shifting sand dunes of Isla Magdalena, home to a variety of wintering and resident bird species.
- Snorkel in Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, the only hard coral reef in North America; featuring over 220 species of fish.

#### SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS

Fall under the spell of enchanting La Paz, Mexico, delving into the region's rich history through its architecture and museums. Then cap it off with a thrilling, once-ina-lifetime swim with the largest fish on the planet, the gentle giant whale shark. Learn more at **expeditions.com/whaleshark** 

#### DAY 1: LOS ANGELES/EMBARK

Arrive in Los Angeles, where you'll embark the *National Geographic Venture*. (D)

#### DAY 2: CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Home to diverse, endemic flora and fauna, birds, and 11 land mammal species, there is plenty to see in Channel Islands National Park. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: ENSENADA AND THE VALLE DE GUADALUPE, MEXICO

Vineyards and culinary marvels await in one of the world's hottest up-and-coming wine regions. See what the hype is all about as we visit a family-run vineyard for a private tour, tasting, and lunch. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: SAN QUINTÍN EXPLORATION

Explore Bahía de San Quintín and surrounding islands—home to 400+ species of plants, animals, and birds, including 23 seabird species. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 5 & 6: EXPLORING THE

VIZCAINO BIOSPHERE RESERVE As we continue our journey along the Baja California coast, we explore the nutrient-rich waters surrounding Vizcaino Peninsula. Encounter the resident northern elephant seals of Islas San Benito or learn about the sustainable fishing co-ops of Isla Natividad. Additional exploration opportunities abound in this seldom-visited section of Baja California. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: AT SEA

As we travel south, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life, including



humpback whales returning from Alaska. Hear naturalist talks, and learn photography tips and tricks. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Explore the ever-shifting sand dunes of Isla Magdalena on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Tidepooling can be excellent here, and these fertile shorelines are home to over 40 species of birds. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: LOS CABOS AND GORDA BANKS

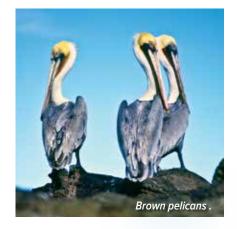
Cruise past Friars Rocks and visit the historic town center of San José del Cabo before cruising Gorda Banks seamount or La Fortuna, renowned gathering places for whales, dolphins, and other marine life. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 10 & 11: CABO PULMO/ LOS ISLOTES

Snorkel the pristine reefs of Cabo Pulmo National Park and chat with locals about their advocacy to protect this unique place. With luck, swim with curious sea lions at Los Islotes before relaxing ashore. Swim, kayak, or hike on a nearby uninhabited island and end the day with a beach barbeque, bonfire, and star-filled sky. (B,L,D)







DAY 12: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK/ SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO/U.S. Disembark in La Paz and transfer to Los Cabos airport for flights home. (B)

#### DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture 2023-2024 December

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Jun. 30, 2023:
- \$600/pp air credit.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Complimentary beer and wine.
- Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.

### Wild Baja California Escape: The Whales of Magdalena Bay



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Anchor overnight among the gray whales of Bahía Magdalena, where mothers and calves relax and play after the longest mammal migration on Earth. Our vessels are perfectly sized to enter the lagoons, and fully equipped for active exploration of the surrounding coastline.

#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Live among gigantic gray whale mothers and their calves in the nursery waters of Bahía Magdalena. See them from the ship, our Zodiacs, and local pangas, delighting in up-close encounters.
- Kayak and paddleboard stunning mangroves, or beachcomb alongendless beaches.
- Explore diverse landscapes; fat-tire bike along desert island terrain.
- Scan the skies for bird species, from diving pelicans to magnificent frigatebirds.

#### SHIP ADDED!

To meet demand for this unparalleled experience, *National Geographic Sea Lion* will join her sister ship for the 2024 season. Book early to secure a complimentary overnight hotel stay in beachside Loreto, Mexico.

Guests with a California gray whale.

#### DAY 1: LORETO, MEXICO/ SAN CARLOS/EMBARK Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark in the early evening. (D)

#### DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA

Make a special stop to view a large frigatebird colony on Isla Santa Margarita (conditions permitting) before making our first whale watching trip of the voyage in the active whale grounds of Bahía Almejas. As we explore via local panga, our team will do whatever it takes to provide you with memorable and meaningful encounters. During lunch, we'll sail toward Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Enjoy a barefoot stroll and tally the treasure found on what we affectionately call "sand dollar beach." (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: TRANSIT THE HULL CANAL/ BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Spend the morning transiting the scenic, winding Hull Canal. Within its narrow channels, bordered by mangroves and sand dunes, and filled with abundant wildlife, we'll hang out on deck with our keen-eyed naturalists to spot species and hear expert commentary. Weather permitting, we'll explore the vast mangrove system via kayak and expedition landing craft. Bird-watching here can be excellent. Among the species we might see



are diving pelicans, wheeling cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis, whimbrels, and willets. It's not unusual to see 40 species of birds in just one day along these fertile shorelines. This afternoon, we'll head out to explore the breeding grounds of Boca de Soledad. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 4 & 5: BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Each winter, during their long migration, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and give birth to their calves in these sheltered waters. "Grand Central" for California gray whales, we'll spend two full days observing, and with luck, interacting with these majestic creatures. Together with savvy local fishermen we've known for years, we'll venture out in Zodiacs to view the numerous mother-calf pairs that thrive in this region. We'll also have an opportunity to explore the beaches, and if you're feeling up to it, grab one of our fat-tire bikes to roam the seemingly endless beaches. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: SAN CARLOS/DISEMBARK/ LORETO

After breakfast, disembark our ship and



transfer to Loreto's city center. Visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

#### DEPARTURES

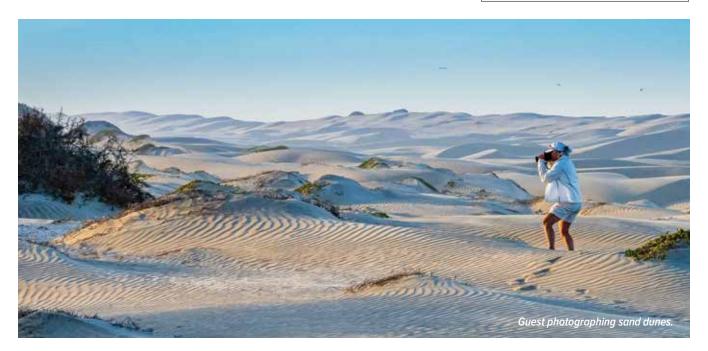
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#### **BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION**

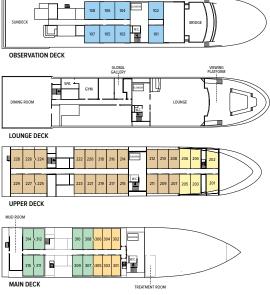
Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. See page 26 for details.

#### SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Jun. 30, 2023:
- \$500/pp air credit.
- Complimentary pre-voyage hotel night in
- Loreto, Mexico.
- Free bar tab.
- Select departures only. See page 30 for terms.







Clockwise from top: National Geographic Venture; Category 5 cabin is our most spacious; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations.

### National Geographic Quest & National Geographic Venture

CAPACITY: 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and suites. REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 238 feet.

Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* are designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A. Both ships 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 a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired 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, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, 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.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #301-306 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck #307-315 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins face outside with a large window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

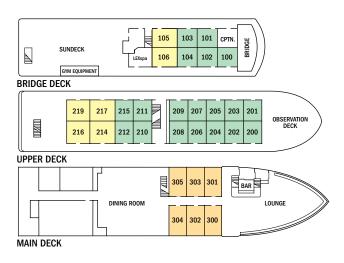
**CATEGORY 4:** Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins face outside with a sliding glass door and small private balcony, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

**CATEGORY 5 (SUITE):** Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror, convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person, expanded bathroom and extra closet space.

**NOTE:** Solo 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





Clockwise from top: National Geographic Sea Bird; Category 3 cabin; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations.

### National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins. REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our "open Bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired fare.

**CABINS:** All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** A fleet of 5 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #300-305 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds, two night-stands and a closet.

**CATEGORY 2:** Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

**CATEGORY 3:** Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands, a closet, small table and two chairs. Upper deck cabins have a pull-out Murphy bed to accommodate a third person and two single beds that can convert to a queen.

**NOTE:** Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

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Transport your traditions to Baja California where the waters teem with marine life, and the sunset provides a stunning encore to every unforgettable day. Join us on *Exploring the Gulf of California: A Living Sea & Desert Isles* this December.

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### **Special Offers**

AIR CREDIT: Receive air credit in amount indicated. Air credit will be deducted from cabin fare prior to any additional applicable savings.

**COMPLIMENTARY HOTEL STAY:** Book select departures of *Wild Baja California Escape: The Whales of Magdalena Bay* and enjoy a complimentary pre-voyage hotel stay in Loreto, Mexico. Availability is limited.

NEW IN 2023–FREE BEER & WINE: Enjoy free beer and wine on all 2023 departures aboard National Geographic Venture, National Geographic Quest, National Geographic Sea Bird, and National Geographic Sea Lion. See our bar policy terms for details.

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

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We are pleased to offer complimentary beer and wine aboard National Geographic Venture, National Geographic Quest, National Geographic Sea Bird, and National Geographic Sea Lion.



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- $\checkmark$  All meals as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, including 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda on demand
- ✓ Beer and wine on all 2023 departures. Beginning in 2024, cocktails and spirits will also be included. Super premium wines and liquors are available for purchase.
- $\checkmark$  Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ All excursions
- Exploration tools curated to your destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and a full complement of snorkeling equipment
- $\checkmark$  Lectures and presentations
- ✓ The guidance and expertise of our expedition staff
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- $\checkmark$  Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ The services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic (where available)
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**Bar Policy:** Beer and wine are included on all 2023 departures aboard *National Geographic Venture, National Geographic Quest, National Geographic Sea Bird,* and *National Geographic Sea Lion.* Starting in 2024, full bar tab (excluding certain super-premium brands available for purchase) will be included aboard these ships.

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

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