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 sea life, plus you’ll visit charming towns and First Nations heritage sites. This *National Geographic Sea Bird* 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.

**DAY 1: Seattle/Embar**
Arrive in Seattle and transfer to the *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 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 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 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 Gulf Islands
Wake this morning among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachtsman’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 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, which houses one of the northwest coast’s 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 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. There are many options and we’ll pick the perfect bay where we can explore by foot, kayak or expedition landing craft. Tonight, enjoy captain’s farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Vancouver
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)

2019 Departure Dates:
21 Sep, 28 Sep
5 Oct, 12 Oct

Important Flight Information
We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements. Please call for airfares from your departure city.

Some departures may travel in reverse.

Advance Payment:
$750

Sample Airfares:
Economy: from $500
Business(TBD)

Airfares are subject to change

Cost Includes:
Accommodations aboard ship; meals as indicated; excursions; services of expedition leader, naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; airport transfers to and from the ship.

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