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Guests meet a colony of penguins as they explore the Antarctic coast
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Dear Traveler,

Marine ecologist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala spent much of this past summer underwater—under very cold water—diving off the remote Arctic archipelago of Franz Josef Land to document marine life for National Geographic’s Pristine Seas project. The islands are one of eight Pristine Seas sites, regions that have been identified as the last wild places in the world’s oceans.

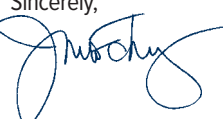
Next year the *National Geographic Orion* will sail to two Pristine Seas sites in the decidedly warmer waters of the South Pacific. Our route from Fiji to Tahiti brings us to the unspoiled reefs of the Southern Line Islands; and our voyage from Tahiti to Easter Island includes the Pitcairn Islands, a Pristine Seas site described by Enric as “totally hypnotic...a place that looks like the ocean 1,000 years ago.” Equipped with snorkeling and diving gear and cutting-edge underwater cameras, we’ll immerse ourselves in these spectacular marine environments and learn about National Geographic’s efforts to protect them—efforts you support when you travel aboard the National Geographic-Lindblad fleet.

Our Pristine Seas experiences are just two of the many exciting opportunities aboard the *National Geographic Orion* in 2014. We’ll take to the Coral Sea, encountering evocative World War II sites, sapphire lagoons, and islands brimming with vibrant cultures as we travel from Papua New Guinea to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Fiji. On our Indonesian Odyssey, track Komodo dragons, get acquainted with the ancient culture of the Asmat region, and cap off the trip snorkeling or diving the Great Barrier Reef at Lizard Island. Venture to the cliffs and cone karst formations of Australia’s wild Kimberley region, discovering ancient Aboriginal rock art and geological wonders.

On the other side of the planet, the *National Geographic Explorer* heads to the Netherlands and Belgium on a new expedition timed with tulip season that combines the wilderness of the Waddenzee with the cultural hubs of Amsterdam, Brugge, and Gent.

The pages that follow are filled with fantastic places to discover aboard the National Geographic-Lindblad fleet—whether you wish to navigate icebergs peppered with penguins in Antarctica, watch humpbacks in Alaska, enter the magical world of the Galápagos, or dive into pristine seas in the South Pacific.

We hope to see you on board!

Sincerely,


John Fahey
 Chairman of the Board
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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MOMENTS EVERY DAY

In Antarctica earlier this year, a minke whale glided up to our Zodiacs and spent several minutes circling the boats and eyeing our travelers with curiosity just an arm's-length away. In the Sea of Cortez, we raced with hundreds of dolphins as they arced and splashed through the turquoise waters; and in Alaska, we watched a mother bear and her cubs climbing and sledging down an icy slope. Polar bears ambled up to get a better look at us in Arctic Svalbard and Galápagos penguins peered through our snorkeling masks. These one-of-a-kind moments, full of excitement and wonderment, make you feel like you might be living in the pages of *National Geographic* magazine. And they happen over and over again when you're traveling aboard the National Geographic-Lindblad fleet. Sometimes they happen several times a day. A member of our expedition team wrote about one such day on a trip to Alaska this past summer:

Clockwise from top left: Polar bears in the Arctic spotted from the safety of our ship; guests explore the Sea of Cortez off the Baja California coast by expedition landing craft; a curious minke whale surfaces next to our Zodiacs in Antarctica; a playful monkey in the jungles of Costa Rica; a sea lion hops aboard a guest's kayak in the Galápagos; snorkeling with penguins in the Galápagos.





“ The PA crackled at 6:23 a.m. with the hushed voice of our expedition leader: ‘Good morning ladies and gentlemen...we have whales outside.’ And thus it began, our southeast Alaskan adventures were heralded by a pod of orcas. What a sight, these powerful creatures, peacefully breaking the surface with their misty outbreath, their white markings on black. After breakfast, we went ashore to explore the temperate rain forest, a true wilderness where we breathed in the fresh scent of Sitka spruce, western hemlock, and musty earth as we tromped down trails made by bears. Later, we cruised up a narrow fjord lined by 2,000-foot-high cliffs. We piled into expedition landing crafts to get a closer look at spectacular waterfalls spilling down granite walls, Arctic terns soaring above, hundreds of harbor seals resting on ice floes, and the white thunder of ice calving into the waters below. We reconvened in the lounge for a local wine and chocolate tasting. What a great taste of Alaska for our first day! **”**

— Susan Moebus, Wellness Specialist, July 2013





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS:

THE ULTIMATE EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

The beauty of traveling with a dynamic, diverse expedition team aboard the National Geographic-Lindblad fleet is that any given moment is filled with insights, whether you're watching humpbacks bubble-net feed alongside a marine biologist, wandering through prehistoric sites with a historian, or hearing whispered advice from our photo instructor as you focus your camera lens on a polar bear. At the helm of each team is an expedition leader—one of our greatest resources. These are people who have dedicated their lives to research and exploration, seasoned leaders who value flexibility, spontaneity, and discovery; who are passionate about this wondrous planet and eager to share its treasures. They are people like Tom Ritchie, who has led voyages since 1977 and was recently featured in the October 2013 *National Geographic Traveler* article on Antarctica, "The Great White Hope."

While our expedition leaders and their team ensure that your experience is extraordinary, we also work hard to ensure that the places we visit are preserved for generations to come. Through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund, and together with our guests, we support conservation, education, and research initiatives all around the world. Among the projects we support are humpback and killer whale research, invasive species eradication on South Georgia Island, an English language library in Cambodia initiated by our travelers, and numerous efforts to address conservation and educational priorities in the Galápagos Islands. The Grosvenor Teacher Fellow program, administered with National Geographic Education Programs, sends K-12 educators to the Arctic and beyond every summer to learn about the region firsthand and share their experiences with their students and communities. As Coleman Eaton III, a Grosvenor Fellow in 2012, noted, "My students don't usually get the opportunity to leave the state, let alone travel the world. Through me, and future teachers like me, they can form new, exciting dreams of where they can go."

A gentoo penguin in Antarctica

Special Savings

Book one of the small ship expeditions listed below by **December 31, 2013**, and receive special savings on select departure dates.*

GALÁPAGOS

Receive complimentary round-trip airfare from Miami to the Galápagos on select January–March 2014 departures. See page 20 for the itinerary and visit our website or call for departure dates.

COSTA RICA AND THE PANAMA CANAL

Receive a complimentary hotel night in Panama City at the start or end of select 2014 and 2015 departures with special access to the Frank Gehry BioMuseum and new canal construction. See page 12 for the itinerary and visit our website or call for departure dates.

ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

Receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on select May and June 2014 departures. See page 10 for the itinerary and departure dates.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA

Receive complimentary round-trip international airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires on the November 28 and December 8, 2014 departures. See page 42 for the itinerary.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

Receive complimentary round-trip international airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires on the November 8, 2014 departure. See page 44 for the itinerary.

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

Receive complimentary round-trip international airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires, plus round-trip charter flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia, on the March 7, 2014 departure. See our website for the full itinerary.

SOUTH AMERICA: BUENOS AIRES, RIO, AND BRAZIL'S WILD COAST

Receive complimentary international airfare from Miami to Salvador and returning from Buenos Aires on the October 10, 2014 departure. See page 58 for the itinerary.

AN ISLAND ODYSSEY: AZORES, MADEIRA, CANARIES AND CAPE VERDE

Choose complimentary airfare from New York to the Azores and returning from Cape Verde, or a bonus six-day Atlantic crossing to Salvador, Brazil aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*. See page 59 for the itinerary.

SEA CLOUD VOYAGES: UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST; TURKEY AND GREECE: A SAILING ODYSSEY; SAILING THE GREEK ISLES; AND SAILING THE CARIBBEAN

Travel on the 2014 or 2015 Mediterranean or Caribbean expeditions aboard the *Sea Cloud* and we will cover your bar tab on board and all tips for the crew. See pages 28, 30, 31, and 59 for the itineraries.

**Offers are for new bookings, may not be combined with other offers, and are subject to availability. Complimentary airfare must be booked through Lindblad Expeditions.*

“ I’ve been coming to Antarctica for more than 30 years. It’s in my blood. ”

—Tom Ritchie, Expedition Leader
Quoted in *National Geographic Traveler*, October 2013



TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S PHOTOGRAPHERS AND EXPLORERS

One of the great advantages of traveling on the National Geographic-Lindblad fleet is the opportunity to explore with the people whose work you've seen and read about in the pages of National Geographic's magazines. A National Geographic explorer, writer, or researcher joins our expedition team on many of our small-ship voyages, inspiring us with fascinating presentations and lively discussions, and exploring alongside us. To further enrich the expedition experience, a top National Geographic photographer is on board every departure of the *National Geographic Explorer* and the *National Geographic Orion* to help you capture unforgettable images of the places we explore. All of our small-ship voyages are also accompanied by a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Below, meet a few of the renowned photographers and explorers who will be traveling with us in 2014 and 2015.

SISSE BRIMBERG AND COTTON COULSON



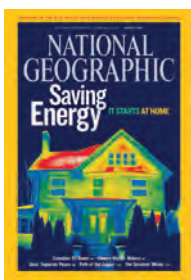
Photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson have collectively photographed more than 60 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines. Both Sisse and Cotton have been awarded prestigious prizes by Pictures of the Year International, the National Press Photographers Association, White House Press Photographers Association, and Communication Arts. Sisse and Cotton photographed the October 2013 article about Antarctica, "The Great White Hope," in *National Geographic Traveler* from on board the *National Geographic Explorer*. Sisse and Cotton will join the following 2014 expeditions: **January 26, February 5, November 28, and December 8 Journey to Antarctica; June 6 Land of the Polar Bears; July 12 A**



Circumnavigation of Iceland; July 29 Australia's Wild Northwest; August 8 Australia's Wild Northwest and the Spice Islands; September 11 Canadian Maritimes; and the September 21 Island Odyssey: Azores, Madiera, Canaries, and Cape Verde.

FLIP NICKLIN

National Geographic photographer and marine biologist Flip Nicklin is one of the world's leading photographers of whales. His majestic photos and amazing audio tracks of humpbacks and killer whales have appeared in numerous National Geographic publications and television specials, including the March 2009 feature story for *National Geographic* magazine, "Still Blue: Blue Whales." The North American Nature Photography Association has named him Outstanding Nature Photographer of the Year and he will join the following expeditions: **August 30, 2014 Alaska's**



Inside Passage; September 6, 2014 A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia, and Haida Gwaii; November 16, 2014 Reefs, Lagoons, and Volcanic Isles: Fiji to Tahiti; and the January 24 and 31, 2015 Baja California and the Sea of Cortez: Among the Great Whales.





CHRIS RAINIER

Chris Rainier is considered one of today’s leading documentary photographers specializing in indigenous cultures. A National Geographic Society Explorer, Chris was the co-founder of National Geographic’s All Roads Photography Program and is a co-director of National Geographic’s Enduring Voices Project, which sets out to preserve endangered languages and cultures through audio recordings, photography, and storytelling. He also serves as a contributing editor for *National Geographic Traveler*. Chris currently directs the Last Mile Technology Program, which empowers endangered cultures to save their ancient traditions through the use of modern technology. He has won numerous awards for his photography, including the Lowell Thomas Award, given by the Explorers Club for his work documenting little-known cultures. He was recently elected a Fellow at the Royal Geographical Society in London. Chris will join the following expeditions: **November 3, 2014 Exploring the Coral Sea: Papua New Guinea to Fiji; December 3, 2014 Legends of the South Pacific: Tahiti to Easter Island; and the February 16, 2015 Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falklands departures.**

JOHN FRANCIS

As an affirmation of his responsibility to our planet, National Geographic Fellow John Francis chose to stop using motorized vehicles and began walking wherever he went. A few months later he took a vow of silence that would last 17 years. He walked across the Pacific Northwest, crossed the Sierra and Rocky Mountains, and traversed America from coast to coast. Along the way—and without a word—he earned undergraduate and master’s degrees in science and environmental studies and a Ph.D. in land resources. He then voyaged across the Caribbean to South America and spent years walking its length to the southernmost tip of Patagonia. In 2008, National Geographic published Francis’s stirring memoir *Planetwalker: 22 Years of Walking, 17 Years of Silence*. Francis also founded “Planetwalk,” a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to raising environmental consciousness and promoting Earth stewardship. In 2010, Francis became the first National Geographic Education Fellow. John will join the **October 23, 2014 Patagonia and the Chilean Fjords expedition.**



PETER HILLARY



When Peter Hillary first climbed Mount Everest in 1990, he and his father, Sir Edmund Hillary—who made the first ascent of Mount Everest in 1953—became the first father and son to reach the summit. He reached the summit again in 2002 on a National Geographic-sponsored ascent later featured

in the film *Surviving Everest*. Peter has completed more than 40 mountaineering expeditions and will share his stories on the **February 6, 2015 Journey to Antarctica and the February 16, 2015 Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands departure.**

JARED DIAMOND



National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Jared Diamond is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. A professor of geography and environmental health science at UCLA, he has penned more than 200 articles for major magazines. Jared is an authority on many subjects—from

evolutionary biology and genetics to linguistics and archaeology—and he will share his insights into the development of human societies throughout the world on the **February 14, 2015 Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falklands departure.**



ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Kayak into protected coves and look for sea otters, seabirds, and Steller sea lions.
- » Hike through lush forests to cascading waterfalls, and ride an expedition landing craft into coves looking for brown bears.
- » Meet members of the Alaska Whale Foundation to learn about the local whale population, and get a firsthand perspective on Alaska's indigenous people from a Tlingit cultural interpreter.
- » Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life, revealed by our undersea specialist.



"The naturalist John Muir was exploring the coves and islands of the Inside Passage when he wrote, 'To the lover of pure wildness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world.' Once you leave the larger towns in your wake and head up the quiet inlets...it's easy to find the Alaska that charmed Muir."

—HEATHER LENDE, "ALASKA CRUISE,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, SEPTEMBER 2010

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Filmmaker, producer, and scientist **Birgit Buhleier** played an integral role in the evolution of National Geographic's Crittercam, a video camera system that has provided fascinating insights into the daily lives of hundreds of species. Through her work with Crittercam, she has sidled up to seals, sea lions, and whales; studied the secret lives of great white and tiger sharks; and dived with hawksbill sea turtles. Birgit brings a unique perspective on the whales, seals, and bears we will spot on this journey and she will join a diverse team of experts on the May 17 and 24, 2014 departures.



Humpback whales bubble-net feeding off Alaska's coast

ITINERARY: 8 DAYS**DAY 1: SEATTLE/JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Fly from Seattle to Juneau, the capital of Alaska. Visit the imposing Mendenhall Glacier and spend the evening exploring Juneau on your own. *National Geographic Sea Bird*/*National Geographic Sea Lion* (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular glacially carved fjords. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise in an expedition landing craft for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, porpoises, and arctic terns. (B, L, D)



Guests hike in lush, towering forests.

DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, Alaskan town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island, founded more than 100 years ago by Norwegian fishermen. Explore Southeast Alaska's *muskeg*, an area with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity for optional flightseeing (weather permitting) or bike riding. Enjoy a crab feast for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: EXPLORING FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

These waters often make for great

whale-watching. Go hiking or kayaking, and meet with researchers from the Alaska Whale Foundation—whose work is supported by a grant from the Lindblad-National Geographic Fund—and discuss some of their recent discoveries about the region's marine mammal population. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND INIAN PASS

Hike and kayak among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters reside. We'll search for whales in the rich waters of Icy Strait and, conditions permitting, lower the ship's hydrophone to listen in on the whales' communication. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

By special permit, we explore Glacier Bay, a not-to-be-missed gem of Alaska. See glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them calving as tons of ice crash into the sea. Spot cliffside mountain goats and brown bears on the shore, and harbor seals, Steller sea lions, and puffins in the icy waters. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: EXPLORING ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS, AND FJORDS

Today we let nature be our guide. Beachcomb, hike forest trails, and explore by kayak in a region with perhaps the world's highest density of nesting bald eagles. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: SITKA/SEATTLE

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Visit the onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church and walk among the totem poles that line trails through Sitka National Historic Park. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Center, we have up-close views of species normally seen at a distance. Drive to the airport for our afternoon flight to Seattle. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: From May through August, expeditions depart every Saturday on the *National Geographic Sea Bird* and every Sunday on the *National Geographic Sea Lion*. See the calendar on page 66 for specific departure dates. Certain departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order.

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1 \$6,290

Located on main deck

Category 2 \$7,340

Located on upper and bridge decks

Category 3 \$8,390

Located on upper and bridge decks

See photo and deck plans for the *National Geographic Sea Bird*/*Sea Lion* on page 62. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$3,150 in category 1 and \$3,670 in category 2. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from Seattle to Juneau and return from Sitka is \$650 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a seven-day extension to Alaska's Denali National Park. Visit our website or call for details.

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by December 31, 2013 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Seattle and Alaska on the following 2014 departures: May 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and June 7.

► Visit our website for information on special family and photography expeditions to Alaska's Inside Passage and our Alaska and British Columbia Photography Expedition. Learn about our new 2014 expeditions to Alaska, British Columbia, and Haida Gwaii on page 58.

COSTA RICA AND THE PANAMA CANAL

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Discover hidden pools and waterfalls deep within the jungles of the Osa Peninsula.
- » Kayak around the tiny islands of the Gulf of Panama, and snorkel off Isla de Coiba.
- » Enjoy special access to the protected forests of Barro Colorado Island.
- » Examine the fascinating lock system that made the Panama Canal one of the greatest engineering achievements of its era.



"With its biodiversity, the Osa Peninsula [rated one of the 50 places of a lifetime] is considered one of the planet's most magnificent places."

—ALVARO UGALDE, "STRIKING GOLD IN COSTA RICA,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, OCTOBER 2009

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

A diverse team of experts—from naturalists to geologists—accompanies these expeditions. On the March 1, 2014 and January 3 and 10, 2015 departures, we will also be joined by writer and photographer **Christopher P.**



Baker. The Lowell Thomas Award 2008 Travel Journalist of the Year, Christopher is one of the world's foremost authorities on Costa Rica. He has authored guidebooks to Costa Rica in the *National Geographic Traveler* series and has been featured on the National Geographic Channel, NPR, and dozens of other radio and TV outlets.



A baby squirrel monkey hitches a ride on its mother's back.

ITINERARY: 8 DAYS**DAY 1: U.S./SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/
HERRADURA**

Upon arrival in San José, transfer to Herradura and embark our ship.

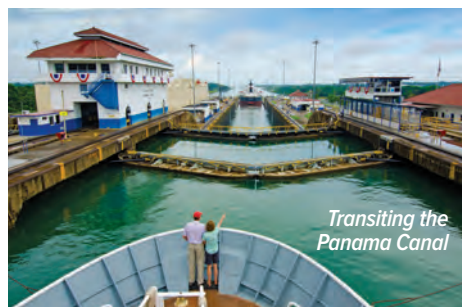
National Geographic Sea Lion (D)

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, trace the Pacific coastline south and stop for a refreshing swim or a hike. (B, L, D)

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, ride horses on the beach, or trek through the rain forest for a chance to see four species of monkeys—howler, spider, capuchin, and squirrel. (B, L, D)



Transiting the Panama Canal

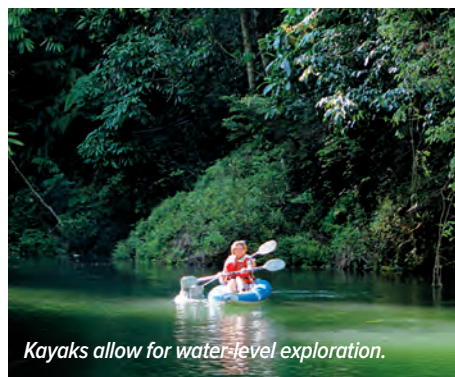
DAY 4: GOLFO DULCE

Enter the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce along the southwestern edge of Costa Rica. Visit the Casa Orquídeas, a tropical paradise of ornamental palms, bromeliads, heliconias, and orchids difficult to access and only reachable by boat. Keep your eye out for tanagers, parrots, and toucans. Later, explore the placid bay, which is ideal for kayaking and swimming. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: COIBA NATIONAL PARK, PANAMA

Isla Coiba, one of Panama's most remote national parks and a UNESCO World Heritage site, offers some of the best reefs for snorkeling

in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Our staff will assist novice and expert snorkelers alike, and you'll also observe a vibrant undersea world while swimming and kayaking. (B, L, D)



Kayaks allow for water-level exploration.

**DAY 6: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS/PANAMA
CANAL TRANSIT**

Today, explore the tiny islets of the Gulf of Panama by expedition landing craft or kayak. Here, we might spot frigate birds, 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 and 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 an expedition landing craft 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)

**TRIP DETAILS**

2014/2015 Season: Dec. 13–20, Dec. 20–27*, Dec. 27–Jan. 3, Jan. 3–10*, Jan. 10–17, Jan. 17–24*, Jan. 24–31, Jan. 31–Feb. 7*, Feb. 7–14, Feb. 14–21*, Feb. 21–28, Feb. 28–Mar. 7*, Mar. 7–14, Mar. 14–21*

*These departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order, beginning in Panama City and ending in San José.

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1 \$5,990

Located on Main Deck

Category 2 \$6,790

Located on Upper and Bridge Decks

Category 3 \$7,690

Located on Upper and Bridge Decks

See *National Geographic Sea Lion* deck plan on page 62. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$3,000 in Category 1 and \$3,400 in Category 2. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from Miami to San José and return from Panama City is \$550 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a three-day pre-trip extension to Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and/or a seven-day post-trip extension to Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, Sarapiquí River, and Arenal Volcano. Visit our website or call for details.

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by December 31, 2013, and receive a complimentary hotel night in Panama City at the start or end of select 2014 and 2015 departures with special access to the Frank Gehry BioMuseum and new canal construction. Please visit our website or call for details.

► Visit our website to find out about photography expeditions to Costa Rica and the Panama Canal.

THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Discover the dunes, sandstone cliffs, and Acadian culture of the Îles-de-la-Madeleine.
- » Discover coastal fishing villages and small islands like the French island of St. Pierre.
- » Explore two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Gros Morne National Park, with its scenic waterfalls and fjords, and the remains of the 11th-century Viking village at L'Anse aux Meadows.
- » Sail a schooner on Bras d'Or Lake and hear a lively account of the history and characters of Cape Breton Island before a tour of the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.



“Early-morning sounds carried clearly: chatter of townsfolk hurrying to the bakery for hot bread, clink of wine bottles about to be filled with milk, beep of motor scooters, rasp of a carpenter’s saw, waves lapping in the inner harbor, Le Barachois—and over all the distant groan of Galantry’s horn.”

—MELVILLE BELL GROSVENOR,
“WHITE MIST CRUISES TO WRECK-HAUNTED ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON,”
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER 1967

Lobster fishing huts at Gros Morne National Park.

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Gil Grosvenor has served National Geographic since 1954, first as a writer and photographer, then as the editor of *National Geographic* magazine, president of the Society, and, until 2010, as chairman of the board. He was the fifth generation of his family to serve as National Geographic president, and his great-grandfather, Alexander Graham Bell, was the Society’s second president. Gil helped design this itinerary based on his experience sailing the same waters with his father, Melville Bell Grosvenor, on assignment for an article that appeared in the September 1967 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Gil will join a diverse team of experts on board this voyage.

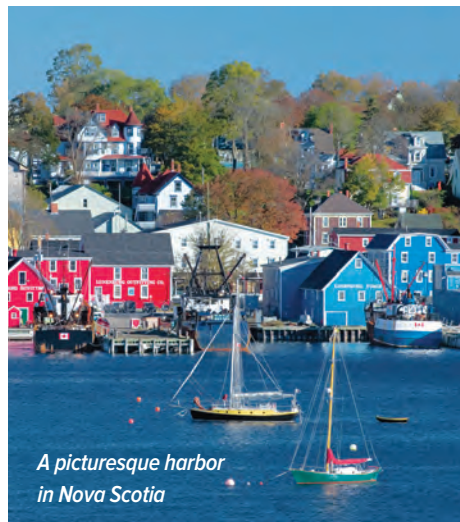


ITINERARY: 8 DAYS**SEP. 11: U.S./ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA**

Arrive in St. John's, the picturesque capital city of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, set on a natural harbor at the most easterly point of North America. Settle into the *National Geographic Explorer* as we pass through the harbor narrows. (D)

SEP. 12: EXPLORING EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

The eastern coast of Newfoundland is wild and rugged, and often accessible only by sea. Spend the day discovering tiny fishing villages tucked into coves and inlets along these stunning shores. Go hiking or hop into a Zodiac or a kayak to explore the islands that dot the coastline. Back on board this evening, gain insights from our experts into the civilizations and wildlife that have made this island home. (B, L, D)



A picturesque harbor
in Nova Scotia

SEP. 13: L'ANSE AUX MEADOWS

In 1960, the remains of a Viking village established in the 11th century were discovered at L'Anse aux Meadows, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the Norse ruins and reconstructed sod huts, and learn the saga of the Vikings in North America—500 years before Columbus arrived. (B, L, D)

SEP. 14: GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK

Graced by cliffs and fjords, glacial valleys and sweeping alpine plateaus, Gros Morne National Park has been designated a World Heritage site for its unique and spectacular geology. Take a walk with our geologist to learn about the forces that shaped this land and the ancient serpentine rock formations that illustrate the phenomenon of plate tectonics. A drive brings us to Western Brook Pond, a pristine, glacier-carved fjord cut off from the sea. (B, L, D)

SEP. 15: ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE, QUEBEC

A cluster of wispy islands isolated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Îles-de-la-Madeleine are home to dunes that stretch for many miles, grassy hills, and dazzling red sandstone cliffs. The caves, sea arches, and nooks along the coast are perfect for exploring by Zodiac and kayak. Visit La Grave, site of the islands' first settlement, and learn about Acadian culture; or set off on a hike or a bicycle ride. Enjoy some of the lobster for which the region is famous. (B, L, D)

SEP. 16: BADDECK, CAPE BRETON ISLAND, NOVA SCOTIA

In the morning, set sail aboard the schooner *Amoeba* on Bras d'Or Lake, and listen to the captain recount local lore as you take in the fall foliage along the shores. On Cape Breton Island, dock in the village of Baddeck, where Alexander Graham Bell, a founding member of the National Geographic Society, built his summer home and conducted much of his research. Enjoy an optional "white glove" tour of the Bell Museum with the opportunity to hold historic artifacts. (B, L, D)

SEP. 17: SAINT PIERRE AND MIQUELON

As we make our way north, go ashore at Saint Pierre Island, part of France's oldest remaining overseas territory. Enjoy free time to explore the wharf and soak up the French culture before continuing to the island of Miquelon. (B, L, D)

SEP. 18: ST. JOHN'S/U.S.

After breakfast, disembark in St. John's and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Sep. 11–18

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$7,320
Located on Main Deck with porthole	
Category 2	\$7,760
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 3	\$8,050
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 4	\$8,540
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks with window	
Category 5	\$10,070
Located on Upper Deck with balcony	
Category 6	\$11,750
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks—suite	
Category 7	\$13,450
Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony	

See *National Geographic Explorer* photo and deck plan on page 61. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$1,930 in Category 2, and \$2,020 in Category 3. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare between Newark and St. John's is \$750 (subject to change).



Gros Morne National Park

COLUMBIA AND SNAKE RIVERS JOURNEY

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Follow the path of Lewis and Clark’s expedition through Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, and explore the historical lands of the Native American tribes they encountered.
- » Glide beneath the towering canyons of the Columbia River Gorge, and venture down its tributaries by kayak or expedition landing craft.
- » Hike or bike amid breathtaking vistas, and take an exhilarating jet boat ride up the Snake River to Hell’s Canyon.
- » Discover the lush landscapes of the Cascade Range, dine on locally sourced cuisine, and sample the region’s famed wines and microbrews.



“Westward-running waters of the Snake and the mighty Columbia sped Lewis and Clark toward their goal...colored cliffs overhung with lacy waterfalls, great trees, conical mountain peaks shimmering in the distance.”

—RALPH GRAY, “FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF LEWIS AND CLARK,”
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, JUNE 1953

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs

is the author of *The Lewis and Clark Companion* and *Why Sacagawea Deserves the Day Off*, along with numerous articles and books on Western history.



The daughter of late historian and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Stephen Ambrose, author of *Undaunted Courage*—the renowned chronicle of the Lewis and Clark expedition—Stephenie literally grew up on the Lewis and Clark Trail. President of the newly formed Lewis and Clark Trust, Stephenie spent the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition traveling the entire trail and speaking about the experiences of the Corps of Discovery. Stephenie will join a team of historians on the September 23, 2014 expedition. See our website for experts on other departures.

Columbia River Gorge at sunrise.

ITINERARY: 7 DAYS**DAY 1: PORTLAND, OREGON**

After boarding our ship, cruise the lower reaches of the Willamette River through downtown Portland, nicknamed the City of Roses for its many rose gardens.

National Geographic Sea Bird/Sea Lion (D)

DAY 2: ASTORIA, OREGON

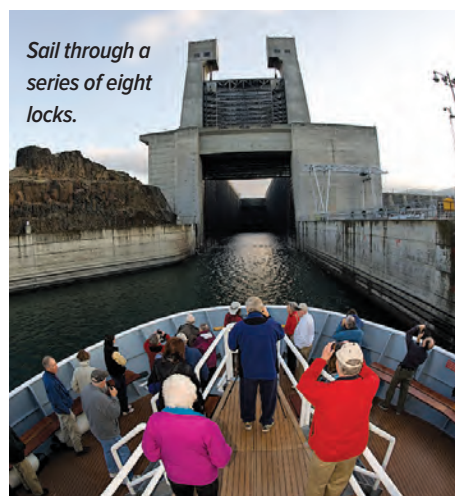
Sail to the mouth of the Columbia River at Astoria, Oregon. At Fort Clatsop, walk through the full-scale replica of the fort where Meriwether Lewis and William Clark hunkered down for the wet winter of 1805-1806 before their return journey to St. Louis. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which chronicles the history of river navigation in this port town. In the afternoon, choose between a visit to Cape Disappointment (the headland where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean), or a trip to the Lewis and Clark Wildlife Refuge by expedition landing craft or kayak (weather permitting). (B, L, D)



Multnomah Falls

DAY 3: COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE AND HOOD RIVER

Sail east on the Columbia River, which forms the border between Washington and Oregon. Deepening canyons signify the beginning of the 85-mile stretch called the Columbia River Gorge. Begin the exploration of the gorge near Beacon Rock and pass through Bonneville Lock and Dam. Hike within sight of the gorge's myriad waterfalls, including Multnomah Falls, one of the highest in the U.S. The ship continues on to Hood River, where you will sample local fruit and tour a family farm with spectacular views of Mount



Sail through a series of eight locks.

Hood and Mount Adams. End the day with a tour of a local vineyard and a tasting of their award-winning wines. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: THE DALLES

Visit the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center to learn about the region's natural history. Hike or bike among the cliffs and cascades along Highway 30, one of the original east-west, coast-to-coast U.S. highways. In the afternoon, visit the Maryhill Museum of Art with its eclectic collection of Native American artifacts, Rodin sculptures, and chess sets. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: PALOUSE RIVER

This tributary of the Snake River empties out from a remote, narrow canyon, and its calm waters are ideal for exploring with the ship's expedition landing craft and kayaks. Visit Palouse Falls, where cascading waters plunge into pools below. Afterward, sail up the Snake River, enjoying a taste of local specialties. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON

Near the Idaho border, Clarkston, Washington, sits at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. Guests can opt for a jet boat ride up the Snake River over rapids and past abandoned homesteads and gold mines to Hells Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America. Or, follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark along the Clearwater River, visiting several of their actual campsites. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: CLARKSTON

Transfer through Lewiston, Idaho, or Spokane, Washington for your flight home. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Sep. 22–28, Sep. 23–29, Sep. 28–Oct. 4*, Sep. 29–Oct. 5*, Oct. 4–10, Oct. 5–11, Oct. 10–16*📷, Oct. 16–22, Oct. 22–28*

📷 This departure is a photo expedition.

* These departures travel in the reverse order from Clarkston to Portland, making all the same stops.

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1 \$4,490

Located on main deck

Category 2 \$5,270

Located on upper and bridge decks

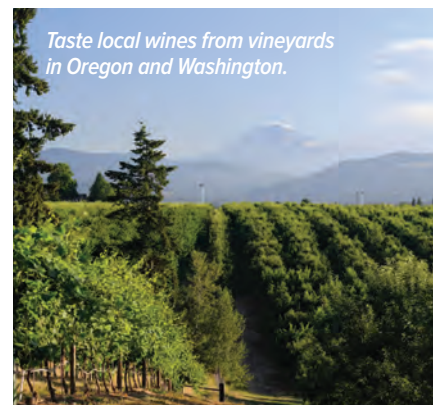
Category 3 \$6,130

Located on upper and bridge decks

See photo and deck plans for the *National Geographic Sea Bird/Sea Lion* on page 62. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$2,250 in category 1 and \$2,630 in category 2. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a one-day Portland, Oregon and/or Willamette Valley boutique winery tour. See our website for details.



Taste local wines from vineyards in Oregon and Washington.

BAJA CALIFORNIA AND THE SEA OF CORTEZ: AMONG THE GREAT WHALES

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Experience up-close encounters with gray whales through the inlets of Bahía Magdalena.
- » Go snorkeling amid sea lions, brilliant blue damselfish, and schools of king angelfish.
- » Kayak through thick mangroves on the lookout for a variety of bird species including magnificent frigatebirds.
- » Explore diverse landscapes, including sand dunes, a cactus forest, and deserted islands.



"Later, cloaked in the light of our dying fire, we listened to the creak of cactuses swaying in the wind... Somewhere out in the boulders, a coyote wailed beneath a spray of cold stars... This is the stuff that keeps you coming back to Baja, the primitiveness, the aloneness of it. My problem is I never get tired of it. It seems like my compass always points south."

—DON BELT, "BAJA CALIFORNIA: MEXICO'S LAND APART,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, DECEMBER 1989

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer and marine biologist **Flip Nicklin** is one of the world's leading photographers of whales. His majestic photos and amazing audio recordings of humpbacks and orca whales have been featured in numerous National Geographic publications and television specials. The North American Nature Photography Association has named him Outstanding Nature Photographer of the Year. Flip will join a diverse team of naturalists and experts on the January 24 and 31, 2015 departures.



Gray whales often approach our expedition landing craft, as curious about us as we are about them.



Bristling cacti soak up the sun on Isla Santa Catalina.

ITINERARY: 8 DAYS

DAY 1: U.S./LA PAZ, MEXICO

Arrive in La Paz and drive along the beautiful Malecón to meet our ship.

National Geographic Sea Bird (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

We'll follow the currents and the wildlife today, exploring pristine, uninhabited islands such as Isla San Jose or Isla Santa Catalina; and snorkeling among colorful parrotfish and flashing schools of surgeonfish. Search for whales among the islands of the southern Sea of Cortez, one of the best areas for spotting blue whales and bottlenose dolphins. Walk among huge cacti and observe the great diversity of birdlife, including verdins, ladder-backed woodpeckers, and Costa's hummingbirds. (B, L, D)

DAY 3: LOS ISLOTES AND ISLA ESPÍRITU SANTO

At Los Islotes, snorkel and swim among curious sea lions. With its rugged cliffs and coves carved deeply into the coastline, Espíritu Santo is one of the most beautiful islands in the Sea of Cortez. This afternoon, examine the island's volcanic landscapes on a kayak excursion. Go beachcombing or take a hike along the rocky coast, keeping your eye out for brown pelicans, gulls, wandering tattlers, great blue herons, and boobies. Tonight, gather for a barbecue around a campfire on the beach and take in a splendid display of stars. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: GORDA BANKS AND LOS CABOS

The morning is spent at the Gorda Banks seamount, a gathering place for whales—especially humpbacks—as well as dolphins and other sea life. Learn about whale behavior with our on-board marine biologist as you watch these giant creatures breach and tail-lob. Then cruise past Friars Rocks at Land's End and dock at Los Cabos. If you choose, take an excursion to the historic town of San Jose del Cabo. (B, L, D)

DAYS 5-7: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Bahía Magdalena—a vast wilderness of sand dunes, mangrove channels, and protected waters—is one of the main breeding and calving areas for California gray whales. Every year, gray whales migrate here from the Arctic waters of Alaska to breed and raise their calves. It is believed to be the longest migration by any mammal and is one of nature's greatest spectacles. In this vast aquatic nursery, observe these enormous yet gentle animals from the ship and at water level from our expedition landing craft. Venture into dense mangroves by kayak and watch for magnificent frigatebirds, pelicans, and great blue herons on the mudflats. (B, L, D Daily)

DAY 8: SAN CARLOS/LA PAZ/U.S.

After breakfast, disembark in San Carlos and drive across the peninsula to La Paz for your return flight home. (B)



TRIP DETAILS

DATES: 2015: Jan. 17–24, Jan. 24–31*, Jan. 31–Feb. 7, Feb. 7–14*, Feb. 14–21, Feb. 21–28*, Feb. 28–Mar. 7, Mar. 7–14*, Mar. 14–21

* These departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order, beginning in San Carlos and ending in La Paz.

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1 \$5,990

Located on Main Deck

Category 2 \$6,890

Located on Upper and Bridge Decks

Category 3 \$7,730

Located on Upper and Bridge Decks

See photo and deck plans for the *National Geographic Sea Bird* on page 62. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$3,000 in Category 1 and \$3,450 in Category 2. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare between Los Angeles and La Paz is \$650 (subject to change).



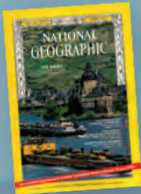
Kayakers paddle in crystal-clear waters.

GALÁPAGOS

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR
AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Snorkel amid shimmering fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions.
- » Cruise to pristine islands and walk among colonies of animals and birds unfazed by your presence.
- » Observe rare giant tortoises in their natural habitat.
- » Explore the waters of the Galápagos by kayak, glass-bottom boat (*Endeavour* only), or Zodiac.



"I saw my first wild, free-ranging tortoises on Santa Cruz. Amid lush uplands, they glistened like black bubbles on the green margins of rain-filled ponds."

—ROGER TORY PETERSON, "THE GALÁPAGOS: EERIE CRADLE OF NEW SPECIES,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE APRIL 1967

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Lynn Fowler first arrived in the Galápagos in 1978 as a naturalist guide for the Galápagos National Park. Lynn completed her doctorate based on her research of the giant tortoises of Alcedo Volcano on Isabela island, where she spent over a year living on the rim of the crater, collecting data. Lynn also lived in the Ecuadorian Amazon basin to work on a wildlife research grant funded by National Geographic before returning to the Galápagos to become an expedition leader. Lynn will join the following 2014 departures: Jan. 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; Apr. 19, 26; May 3, 10; Jun. 21, 28; July 5, 12, 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16; Oct. 11, 18, 25; Nov. 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6.



Sea Lions in front of the National Geographic Islander

ITINERARY: 10 DAYS**DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR**

Depart for Guayaquil and upon arrival, transfer to our hotel. *Hotel Hilton Colón*

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS

This morning, fly to the Galápagos Islands and board our comfortable expedition ship. After lunch, we begin our exploration of the islands and their diverse wildlife.

National Geographic Endeavour or *National Geographic Islander* (B, L, D)

DAYS 3–8: EXPLORING THE GALÁPAGOS

Listed below are some of the islands we visit during our expedition. Each itinerary will include Isla Santa Cruz and a selection of the other stops listed on these pages. (B, L, D Daily)

ISLA BARTOLOMÉ

Walk to the top of Bartolomé's volcanic cone for a stunning view of Pinnacle Rock and the surrounding beaches. After the hike, immerse yourself among schools of multicolored reef fish. You may also have the opportunity to swim with Galápagos penguins.

ISLA SANTIAGO

Follow a path along a series of tide pools and underwater caverns in search of Galápagos fur seals, marine iguanas, sea lions, shore birds, and Sally Lightfoot crabs.



A giant tortoise in the highlands of Santa Cruz.

ISLA SANTA CRUZ

At the Charles Darwin Research Station, a breeding station for endangered endemic species, learn about the research done here. Visit the neighboring captive breeding program for endangered species of Galápagos giant tortoises and endemic land iguanas, run jointly with the Galápagos National Park Service and supported by the Lindblad-National Geographic

► Visit our website for special Galápagos family and photography expeditions, and details on extending your trip to Machu Picchu.

Fund. Later, travel into the highlands to observe and photograph these tortoises in the wild.

ISLA ISABELA

Explore the largest island in the Galápagos, Isabela, home to enormous marine iguanas, abundant sea turtles, the only species of flightless cormorant in the world, and the only penguin species that inhabits the equator.

Cruise by Zodiac and hike against the backdrop of giant shield volcanoes, and snorkel in the cool, rich waters that draw whales and dolphins to the area.

ISLA FLOREANA

Take a pre-breakfast hike to a turtle nesting beach and a lagoon home to flamingos and other bird species. At Champion Islet, snorkel among sea lions, or peer into an underwater world in a glass-bottom boat (*Endeavour* only). Visit Post Office Bay, founded by whalers in the 18th century. If you see a letter addressed to someone who lives near you, the tradition is to deliver it by hand.

ISLA FERNANDINA

Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza as we hike over lava flows. Galápagos hawks, sea lion nurseries, and rare flightless cormorants can be found while exploring this island. Snorkel among sea turtles, penguins, and the occasional marine iguana.

ISLA ESPAÑOLA

See swallow-tailed gulls, Española mockingbirds, boobies, and waved albatrosses on this birder's paradise. Walk among vivid green-and-red marine iguanas and unique lava lizards, and observe sea lions up close on a pristine white-sand beach.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/GUAYAQUIL

After breakfast, disembark the ship and fly to Guayaquil. The evening is at your leisure. *Hotel Hilton Colón* (B)

DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/U.S.

Depart Guayaquil this morning, arriving home the same day. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Expeditions depart every Friday on the *National Geographic Endeavour* and every Saturday on the *National Geographic Islander*. See calendar on page 66 for specific departure dates.

EXPEDITION COST:

2014-PRIME: For departures between

Jan. 3–Feb. 8, Feb. 21–22,
Apr. 25–May 31, Sep. 5–Dec. 13

PEAK: For departures between
Feb. 14–15, Feb. 28–Apr. 19,

Jun. 6–Aug. 30

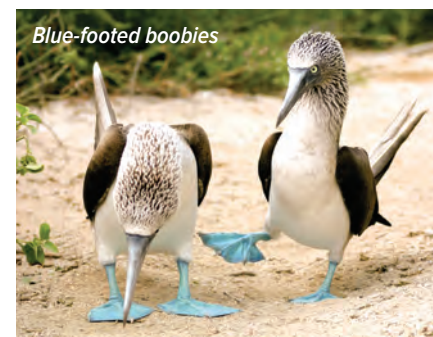
	Prime <i>Endeavour</i>	Prime <i>Islander</i>	Peak <i>Endeavour</i>	Peak <i>Islander</i>
Category 1	\$5,490	\$6,060	\$5,990	\$6,560
Category 2	\$6,390	\$6,890	\$6,890	\$7,390
Category 3	\$6,950	\$7,440	\$7,450	\$7,940
Category 4	\$7,490	\$7,990	\$7,990	\$8,490
Category 5	\$9,420	\$9,910	\$9,920	\$10,410

Prices are per person, double occupancy. For single cabin pricing please visit our website. **Add an additional \$600 per person to the peak price for holiday departures leaving Dec. 19, 20, 26, 27, 2014.**

Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. For airfare estimates, please visit our website. See the *National Geographic Endeavour* and *Islander* descriptions, photos, and deck plans on page 63.

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by December 31, 2013 and receive complimentary round-trip airfare between Miami and the Galápagos on select Jan.–March 2014 departures. Visit our website or call for details.



Blue-footed boobies

UPPER AMAZON

ABOARD THE *DELFIN II*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Explore the waterways of the flooded “Mirrored Forest” of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of expert naturalists.
- » Glide down jungle streams by skiff or kayak, spotting pink and gray dolphins, enormous water lilies, monk saki monkeys, three-toed sloths, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- » Learn about the everyday traditions of the native ribereños on visits to villages at the river’s edge.
- » Go on rain forest hikes, birding walks, and nocturnal river safaris, and get immersed in the wild atmosphere of the Amazon from the comfort of the intimate *Delfin II*.



“The dolphins are swimming through the trees. As frog-green fish dart through the leaves, the dolphins, pink as bubble gum, snap at them with long, toothy beaks. This is not some kaleidoscope dreamscape from a novel by Gabriel Garcia Marquez; this is the wet season in the upper Amazon.”

—MARK JENKINS, “RIVER DOLPHINS,” NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, JUNE 2009

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Kitty Coley is a geologist, naturalist, and avid birder who serves as a consultant to *National Geographic* magazine. As a professional geologist, she has worked in remote rain forests and rugged landscapes around the world. Kitty's love of nature has inspired her to explore through scuba diving, backpacking, white-water and sea kayaking, and biking. A gifted and enthusiastic teacher, Kitty will share her knowledge of the Amazon's geology, flora, and fauna on the July 12, 2014 departure.



A scarlet macaw peers through the foliage.



Spot wildlife along the river during frequent skiff rides.

ITINERARY: 10 DAYS

DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima in the late evening and transfer to our hotel. *Costa Del Sol Ramada*

DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA

After a morning visit to the celebrated Larco Herrera Museum, fly to Iquitos and continue overland to Nauta, where our ship awaits. Get settled in your elegant, hardwood-paneled cabin and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine prepared by our onboard chef. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent night sky over the Amazon. *Delfin II* (B, L, D)

DAYS 3 AND 4: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Glide into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, one of the largest swathes of pristine jungle in South America, stretching more than five million square acres. The reserve floods annually with nutrient-rich waters and is known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by its glass-like waterways. In kayaks or skiffs, skim along the Pucate River looking for parrots, macaws, and perhaps shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys or saddle-back tamarins. Encounter a very different ecosystem on hikes on terra firma, or explore up-river in a skiff. Reach the junction of the Marañón and the Ucayali, two powerful rivers that border the reserve and converge to create the Amazon, and later, pay a visit to a village on the river's edge to learn about the traditions of the ribereños. Learn about the inspiring work of Minga Peru, a nonprofit that has helped improve health and livelihoods for the people of the Amazon with the support of the Lindblad-National Geographic Fund. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 5 AND 6 PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Venture deeper into the rain forest on narrow tributaries, seeking out pink dolphins, iguanas, and giant water lilies. On a birding hike, look for an astounding variety of species, from tanagers and hummingbirds to oropendolas. As the sun sets, slip through the forest in a skiff, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats, and other creatures of the night. From December through May we explore Atun Poza by skiff, looking for lagoon birdlife, and take a short walk to a local community. From June through November, hike through the rain forest in search of the soaring ceiba, or kapok tree. In skiffs, we reach Yanayacu lagoon, the furthest point in our journey, and with luck, enjoy a chance to swim with pink dolphins. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 7 AND 8 PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

During the wet season, look for massive paiche, the Amazon's largest fish, and infamous piranhas, an important food source for the local people. As the water recedes later in the year, explore the spontaneous ecosystems of temporary islands that appear. Travel by skiff to Puerto Miguel and get acquainted with the culture, folklore, and daily life of the villagers. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 9 AND 10: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA/U.S.

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta and pay a visit to the town's manatee rehabilitation center. Return to Iquitos in time for a late afternoon flight to Lima. After breakfast the next day, transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Costa Del Sol Ramada* (B, L, B)



TRIP DETAILS

DATES: 2014: May 17–26, Jul. 5–14, Jul. 12–21, Jul. 19–28, Aug. 16–25, Aug. 23–Sep. 1, Aug. 30–Sep 8, Sep. 6–15

EXPEDITION COST:

Suites **\$5,990**

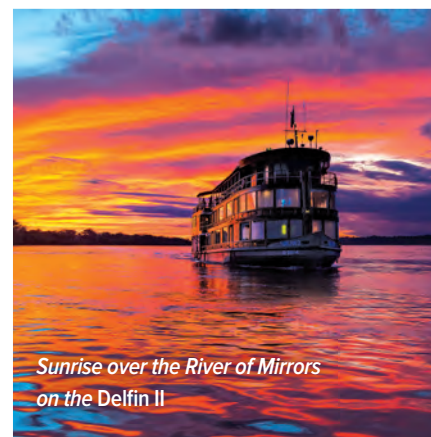
Located on Upper and Main Decks

Master Suites **\$6,990**

Located on Upper and Main Decks with panoramic views

Please visit our website for 2015 dates and rates.

See the *Delfin II* photo and deck plan on page 65. Prices are per person, double occupancy. Due to limited availability, single cabins are offered on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare between Miami and Lima is \$800 and between Lima and Iquitos is \$370 (subject to change).



Sunrise over the River of Mirrors on the *Delfin II*

► Visit our website for details on extending your trip to Machu Picchu.

PATAGONIA: ARGENTINA AND THE CHILEAN FJORDS

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Enjoy access to wildlife reserves available only by special permission, from Argentina's Bahía Bustamante to Yendegai and Karukinka natural parks on Tierra del Fuego.
- » Explore the famed reserve of Península Valdés, Argentina, searching for native wildlife such as southern right whales; the guanaco; and Darwin's rhea, a large flightless bird similar to an ostrich.
- » Explore Torres del Paine National Park with naturalists, and cruise in Zodiacs among glaciers and islets in the Chilean fjords.
- » Transit the legendary Beagle Channel and take in the view of land's end at Cape Horn.



"In nearly 25 years of making films around the world, we have not often encountered such an amazing variety of wildlife, both above and within the sea. Coastal Patagonia, because of its isolation, is a natural treasury of countless species either endangered or unknown elsewhere in the world."

—DES AND JEN BARTLETT, "PATAGONIA'S WILD SHORE,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, MARCH 1976

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer **Jay Dickman** has worked in photojournalism for more than 35 years. In addition to more than 25 assignments for the National Geographic Society, he has also published five books and numerous articles for *National Geographic Traveler*, *LIFE*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Forbes*. Jay will join a diverse team of experts and naturalists on this departure.



Guanacos in Torres del Paine National Park.

ITINERARY: 20 DAYS**OCT. 23-25: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and check into the Caesar Park Hotel. Explore the city's Beaux-Arts palaces, the bohemian quarters of La Boca and San Telmo, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. The next day, embark the *National Geographic Explorer*. (B, L, D on Oct. 25)

OCT. 26-29: AT SEA/BAHÍA BLANCA/VALDÉS PENINSULA

After a day at sea, dock in Bahía Blanca and head to the Parque Provincial Ernesto Tornquist to view the flora and fauna of the pampas. Another day of sailing brings us to Valdés Peninsula, a World Heritage site where southern right whales come to mate and calve in October. Observe these endangered creatures and then venture inland to spot guanacos, armadillos, and more. (B, L, D Daily)

OCT. 30-NOV. 1: BAHÍA BUSTAMANTE/ PUERTO DESEADO/AT SEA

In Bahía Bustamante, a vast family-owned *estancia* (ranch) that stretches from the Patagonian steppe to the coast, we'll go on hikes; look for whales; and encounter colonies of Magellanic penguins, sea lions, and elephant seals. The next day, travel in small boats into the Reserva Natural Ría Deseado, a submerged estuary that is home to the rare black-and-white Commerson's dolphin. Later, learn of the famous explorers who passed this way at the museum in Puerto Deseado. Then spend a day sailing Argentina's southern coast. (B, L, D Daily)



Magellanic penguins

NOV. 2 AND 3: PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE/ TIERRA DEL FUEGO

In Punta Arenas, visit museums and enjoy an optional hike in the forest reserve on the rolling hills above the town. Continue to the newest and largest protected area on Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka Natural Park. We have special permission to visit the private reserve, which spans 1,160 square miles and harbors rich wildlife, including the guanaco, the endangered culpeo fox, and the Andean condor. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 4-7: THE CHILEAN FJORDS/PUERTO NATALES/TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Venture into the fjords of the honeycombed Chilean coast, set against the spectacular backdrop of the Cordillera Darwin range, and explore by ship, by Zodiac, and on foot. Drop anchor in Puerto Natales and drive to the Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Spend a day discovering this magnificent park with our experts and local guides. Then return through the fjordlands, searching for humpback whales, Peale's dolphins, and rare Chilean dolphins. Cruise deep into the fjords of the western Strait of Magellan to see tidewater glaciers. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 8 AND 9: BEAGLE CHANNEL/ YENDEGAIA/CAPE HORN

Sail the Beagle Channel to Yendegaia, a stunning wilderness that covers more than 95,000 acres on Tierra del Fuego. We've received special permission to explore the reserve, a former cattle ranch that hosts beech forests, wild rivers, and abundant wildlife. The following day, we round Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of South America, and, weather permitting, take Zodiacs ashore for panoramic views. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 10 AND 11: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Take a charter flight to Buenos Aires and connect to your overnight flight home. (Nov. 10: B, L)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Oct. 23–Nov. 11

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$15,950
Located on Main Deck with porthole	
Category 2	\$16,990
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 3	\$17,990
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 4	\$18,850
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks with window	
Category 5	\$22,860
Located on Upper Deck with balcony	
Category 6	\$25,990
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks—suite	
Category 7	\$29,990
Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony	

See *National Geographic Explorer* photos and deck plan on page 61. Prices are per person, double occupancy.

For a single cabin, add \$4,250 in Category 2 and \$4,490 in Category 3. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires is \$1,200 (subject to change). Charter airfare is \$395 (one-way Ushuaia/Buenos Aires, or vice versa).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a three-day post-trip extension to Iguazú Falls or a four-day post-trip extension to Easter Island. Additionally, you may add a two-day pre- or post-trip extension to Buenos Aires, which may also be combined with either of the other two extensions. Please call for details.

EXPLORING THE LOW COUNTRIES: HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Voyage from Germany to the Netherlands and Belgium, exploring the West Frisian Islands, the tulip fields of North Holland, and the medieval gems of Brugge, Antwerp, and Gent.
- » Enjoy a warm welcome at Harlingen, where we will be the first passenger ship to dock. Venture down the town's canals in Zodiacs by special permission, and learn about the local Friesland culture.
- » Immerse yourself in the artistic treasures of Amsterdam's recently refurbished Rijksmuseum and examine the masterpieces of Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Dürer on a docent-led tour.
- » Revel in the rich culinary traditions of the region—from Dutch cheeses to Belgian waffles and the famous Belgian beers brewed for centuries by Trappist monks.

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer **Sisse Brimberg** was born and raised in Denmark. Sisse has been a regular photographer for National Geographic since 1976, when a Danish grant allowed her to study photojournalism at the Society. Since then she has produced more than 25 stories for *National Geographic* magazine. She was recently awarded the Picture Story of the Year by the National Press Photographers Association. Sisse will join a diverse team of historians on this expedition.



"Brugge is sublime—a walking city of great charm and exuberance."

— JAY WALLJASPER, "133 PLACES RATED,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009



Canal cruising will be a special highlight throughout; Brugge is shown here.

ITINERARY: 9 DAYS**MAY 4 AND 5: U.S./HAMBURG, GERMANY/
BREMERHAVEN**

Depart on an overnight flight to Hamburg and transfer to the port city Bremerhaven on arrival. Embark the *National Geographic Explorer* and cast off into the North Sea. (L, D)

MAY 6: HARLINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS

This morning, we enter the scenic Waddenzee, or Wadden Sea, a UNESCO World Heritage landscape recognized for its wildlife-rich wetlands and tidal habitats. Dock in Harlingen, a lovely seaside town where we'll be welcomed as the first cruise ship to call at the harbor. By special permission, explore the canals in the heart of town in Zodiacs, and later stroll past the lively shops and restaurants that line the waterways—remaining on shore for dinner if you wish. (B, L, D)



Tulip fields, Netherlands

MAY 7: WEST FRISIAN ISLANDS

The West Frisian Islands stretch out along the edge of the Waddenzee off the Dutch coast; our destination, Texel, is the largest island. Lined with long, dune-capped beaches and marshes, Texel is a stopping point for thousands of migrating birds. Discover the island on cycling or walking excursions, and learn about its maritime history. Then continue to Den Helder for a visit to the vast tulip fields nearby. (B,L,D)

MAY 8: AMSTERDAM

Decorated with bicycles, bursting with flowers, and carved by canals, Amsterdam is a vibrant city with an arts scene that has flourished since the Middle Ages. Experience the spectacular Rijksmuseum, recently reopened to much acclaim after a mammoth, nine-year

renovation. On a docent-led tour, examine the works of Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other Dutch masters. You may also trace the life and work of one of the most legendary painters of all time at the newly reopened Van Gogh Museum. (B, L, D)

MAY 9: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

A prosperous trading center for centuries and hub of the global diamond trade, Antwerp brims with impressive architecture. A walking tour with our art historians brings us to some of the best of it. Stroll the 16th-century Grote Markt; the main square, lined with elegant guild houses; and the Renaissance city hall. See the railway station and the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, and admire works by Flemish masters Peter Paul Rubens and Anthony van Dyck. (B, L, D)

MAY 10: GENT

As the former seat of the counts of Flanders, Gent was a manufacturing center and one of Europe's wealthiest cities during the medieval era. Today, the city remains a showcase of medieval Flemish architecture. Historic belfries pierce the sky, filling the air with their chimes, and ornate guild houses line the ancient harbor. Spend the day getting to know Gent, strolling through its squares, and exploring its historic sites with our guides. (B, L, D)

MAY 11: OOSTENDE/BRUGGE

Dock in Oostende and drive to the medieval town of Brugge, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its brick Gothic architecture and serene waterways. Brugge was also the birthplace of the school of medieval painters known as the Flemish Primitives, which included Jan van Eyck and Hans Memling. After a walking excursion, board small boats and glide down swan-dotted canals to experience the gemlike old town from another perspective. (B, L, D)

MAY 12: LONDON, ENGLAND/U.S.

Sail up the Thames River and into London at midnight where we pass by London's Tower Bridge brilliantly lit up against the dark sky. After breakfast, disembark in London and transfer to Heathrow Airport for flights home. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS****DATES: 2014: May 4–12****EXPEDITION COST:**

Category 1	\$7,320
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Located on Main Deck with porthole

Category 2	\$7,760
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Located on Main Deck with window

Category 3	\$8,050
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Located on Main Deck with window

Category 4	\$8,540
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Located on Upper and Veranda Decks with window

Category 5	\$9,990
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Located on Upper Deck with balcony

Category 6	\$11,750
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Located on Upper and Veranda Decks—suite

Category 7	\$13,450
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Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony

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BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS

Save 10% on this voyage when you combine Exploring the Low Countries back-to-back with Exploring the British and Irish Isles (page 32). Visit our website or call for details.



Texel, Frisian Islands

UNDER SAIL: GREECE TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

ABOARD THE *SEA CLOUD*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Ply the waters of the Aegean, Ionian, and Adriatic Seas aboard the magnificent *Sea Cloud*.
- » Step back in history amid the evocative ruins of Olympia, Greece, and Butrint, Albania, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- » Skim across Montenegro's Gulf of Kotor to Our Lady of the Rocks, a tiny islet created over centuries by local fishermen.
- » Spend a day among the marble-paved lanes and ramparts of Dubrovnik.



"Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik."

—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW,
QUOTED IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, MARCH 2004

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Historian **Grace Fielder** is an expert on the history, culture, and languages of the Dalmatian coast. She holds a Ph.D. from UCLA, and is a professor of Balkan and south Slavic linguistics at the University of Arizona. Her courses on Balkan history focus on the emergence of distinct national identities following a century of ethnic and political conflict. Grace has studied the local lore, music, and cuisine of this region, and has even moonlighted as a lavender harvester on the island of Hvar. She will join a diverse team of experts on the June 9, 2014 and September 2, 2015 departures.



Encircled by medieval battlements, the terra cotta roofs of Dubrovnik shimmer in the Adriatic light.

ITINERARY: 12 DAYS

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ATHENS, GREECE/PIRAEUS

Depart on an overnight flight to Athens, arriving the next morning. This afternoon, transfer to Piraeus and settle into your cabin aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud*. (L, D)

DAY 3: AT SEA

Round the southern coast of the Peloponnese peninsula, enjoying a full day of sailing. Watch the crew hoist the *Sea Cloud's* many sails by hand. Relax with a book on deck, photograph our yacht, and attend talks by our expedition team. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: OLYMPIA

Dock in Katakolon and travel to the ancient site of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. Visit the legendary ruins of this UNESCO World Heritage site, the Olympic stadium, and the superb Archaeological Museum. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: ITHÁKI

Discover gem-like Ionian villages nestled along the coast of Itháki today. Drive around the island to view the sites that some claim link the island to Homer's Ithaca, and in the afternoon, cruise into one of the island's stunning bays for a swim. (B, L, D)



*A sailor climbs aloft to set the *Sea Cloud's* sails.*

DAY 6: SARANDË AND BUTRINT, ALBANIA

Cut off from the world for 50 years by its Stalinist dictator, Albania is now feeling its way into the 21st century. Explore the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and return to Sarandë for local refreshments at Lekuris Castle overlooking the bay of Sarandë and Corfu Strait below. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: TIRANA

Dock in Durrës, drive to the ancient capital of Kruje, and visit the medieval market and

Ethnographic Museum. Continue to the contemporary capital, Tirana, scattered with the vestiges of one of the longest dictatorships in Eastern Europe. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: PERAST AND KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Sail into Montenegro via the magnificent Gulf of Kotor. Stop at the historic town of Perast before taking a local boat to the islet of Gospa od Škrpjela, or Our Lady of the Rocks. Steeped in lore, the tiny islet was created by fishermen dropping rocks from their rowboats. Explore medieval Kotor this afternoon, or drive up 27 serpentine switchbacks to the top of the fjord. (B, L, D)



The town of Perast, Montenegro.

DAY 9: DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Known as the "pearl of the Adriatic," Dubrovnik is regarded as one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world. Spend the day exploring the marvelous old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and enjoy a private performance of traditional Croatian *klapa* music. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: KORČULA

Anchor at the island port of Korčula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites, and see the house believed by some to be Marco Polo's birthplace. This evening, attend a private traditional Moreška sword dance. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: HVAR

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Take a tour inside the delightful walled city. Visit the arsenal and Croatia's oldest active theater, and if you choose, hike up to the citadel. (B, L, D)

DAY 12: DUBROVNIK/U.S.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your return flight. (B)



TRIP DETAILS

DATES: 2014: Jun. 9–21*, Sep. 6–17*

2015: May 31–Jun. 11, Jun. 10–21*,

Aug. 23–Sep. 3, Sep. 2–13*

**These departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order, from Dubrovnik to Athens.*

EXPEDITION COST:	2014	2015
Category 1	\$10,990	\$11,630
Located on the Promenade Deck		
Category 2	\$11,390	\$13,150
Located on the Promenade Deck		
Category 3	\$14,990	\$15,890
Located on the Captain's Deck		
Category 4	\$15,880	\$16,710
Located on the Captain's Deck		
Category B—Deluxe	\$17,290	\$18,180
Located on the Main Deck		
Category A—Deluxe	\$18,390	\$19,690
Located on the Main Deck		
Owner's Suites	\$20,990	\$22,190
Located on the Main Deck		

See *Sea Cloud* photo and deck plan on page 64. Prices are per person, double occupancy. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from New York to Athens and return from Dubrovnik is \$1,200 (subject to change). For a single cabin in Category 1, add \$4,400 in 2014 and \$5,460 in 2015 in Category 1.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day extension in Athens; or a three-day extension in Croatia and Bosnia, including stops in Split, Trogir, and Mostar. Visit our website for details.

SPECIAL OFFER

Travel on the *Sea Cloud* in 2014 or 2015 and we will cover your bar tab on board and all tips for the crew.

TURKEY AND GREECE: A SAILING ODYSSEY

ABOARD THE *SEA CLOUD*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Sail to ancient harbors and spectacular Greek isles under the billowing sails of the legendary *Sea Cloud*, a magnificent four-masted tall ship with a colorful history.
- » In Istanbul stay at an elegant former palace on the Bosphorus, and examine artifacts from world-renowned Bronze Age shipwrecks in Bodrum.
- » Cruise into the volcanic caldera of Santoríni, and wander the medieval streets of the *kastro* on the cliff tops of Fólégandros.
- » Venture into some of the most important archaeological sites of the ancient era, including Delos, Didyma, and Ephesus.



"In all its classical beauty, Ephesus looks important. You can glance at cobblestone and imagine its being touched by any of the passing personages there, from King Croesus to Alexander the Great."

—JAMES MORGAN, "TURKISH COAST: LOST IN TIME,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, OCTOBER 2004

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic Emerging Explorer **Katy Croff Bell** is a marine archaeologist who has led expeditions in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Turkey. Over the past ten years, she has participated in or led more than 20 oceanographic and archaeological projects all over the world. Katy is vice president of Dr. Robert Ballard's Ocean Exploration Trust and chief scientist of its flagship exploration vessel, *Nautilus*, working to implement state-of-the-art technology on expeditions to the Black Sea, the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic Ocean. A diverse team of experts will join each departure. Katy will join the May 8, 2014 expedition.



Dating back to A.D. 110, the magnificent Library of Celsus in Ephesus was one of the largest libraries in the ancient world.



ITINERARY: 10 DAYS

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Depart on an overnight flight to Istanbul and check into our elegant hotel, formerly a palace, on the Bosphorus, the strait that divides Europe and Asia. Gather tonight for a festive welcome dinner. *Çırağan Palace Kempinski* (D).

DAY 3: IZMIR/EPHESUS /KUSADASI

Fly to Izmir and drive to Ephesus, where the Temple of Artemis—one of the seven wonders of the ancient world—once stood. Follow the Marble Way past merchant houses to the Great Theater and the iconic facade of the Library of Celsus. The spectacular *Sea Cloud* awaits us at the port of Kusadasi. Settle into your cabin and gaze at the receding harbor as we cast off into the Aegean. Then enjoy the first of our superb dining experiences on board. (B, L, D)



Sea Cloud under full sail.

DAY 4: DIDYMA/AT SEA

Wander among the ruins of the Temple of Apollo at Didyma, home to the oracle of Apollo and one of the most sacred sites of the ancient Greeks. This afternoon, watch sailors climb the lines to raise the sails by hand as we head for Bodrum. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: BODRUM

Spend the day in the lively seaside town of Bodrum. Venture into the Castle of St. Peter, built by the Crusaders and now home to the Museum of Underwater Archaeology. Examine artifacts from Bronze Age shipwrecks and subsequent eras, developed with the help of National Geographic grantee George Bass, and then enjoy time to stroll along the harbor to see yachts of all shapes and sizes pull in. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: AT SEA

During a full day of sailing on our way to the Cyclades, attend talks by our experts and enjoy a fabulous buffet lunch al fresco. Go for a swim or a float right off the side of the ship, and relax after dinner as the ship's pianist plays on deck. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: SANTORÍNI, GREECE

Take in a spectacular panorama as we glide into Santoríni's volcanic caldera and approach soaring cliffs topped with whitewashed villages. Ashore, explore the domed churches and windmills of Oía and continue to Thíra for stunning views of the caldera. Descend from the cliffs to the harbor by funicular or by donkey. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: AT SEA/FOLÉGANDROS

After a morning at sea, anchor at Folégandros and head up to the cliff-top town of Hora. Stop for a pastry in a shady square, and meander through the cobbled streets of the medieval kastro, enjoying magnificent views of the sea far below. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: DELOS/AT SEA

Tiny Delos is known as the birthplace of the twin gods Artemis and Apollo and was a flourishing Roman port. Discover the many layers of civilization at this extraordinary archaeological site, and see the Terrace of the Lions the marble Sanctuary of Apollo. Spend a final afternoon enjoying our beautiful ship as we set our course for Piraeus. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: PIRAEUS/ATHENS/U.S.

After breakfast, disembark in Piraeus and transfer to Athens for your return flight. (B)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: SAILING THE GREEK ISLES 9 DAYS

2015: MAY 24–JUN. 1, SEP. 12–20,
SEP. 19–27

Under the billowing sails of the exquisite four-masted tall ship *Sea Cloud*, voyage across azure waters to rugged Sifnos, sun-drenched Santoríni, the ancient ruins of mystical Delos, and more. Visit our website for details.



TRIP DETAILS

**DATES: 2014: May 8–17, May 16–25*,
May 22–31**

**This departure follows the itinerary shown but in the reverse order.*

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$8,790
Located on the Promenade Deck	
Category 2	\$9,880
Located on the Promenade Deck	
Category 3	\$11,790
Located on the Captain's Deck	
Category 4	\$12,490
Located on the Captain's Deck	
Category B—Deluxe	\$13,880
Located on the Main Deck	
Category A—Deluxe	\$14,750
Located on the Main Deck	
Owner's Suites	\$16,880
Located on the Main Deck	

See *Sea Cloud* photo and deck plan on page 64. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$4,090 in Category 1. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from New York to Istanbul and return from Athens is \$1,200 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

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SPECIAL OFFER

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EXPLORING THE BRITISH AND IRISH ISLES

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Venture into ancient ruins on the isle of Iona and explore caves lined with geometric basalt columns on Staffa.
- » Peer into the past in the prehistoric homes of Skara Brae in the Orkney Islands and visit Jarlshof, a 4,000-year-old settlement in the Shetland Islands.
- » Gaze up at Ireland's soaring Cliffs of Moher and see the Celtic fort at Dun Aengus on the Aran Islands.
- » Discover timeless coastal villages including Fowey in Cornwall and Dingle, Ireland.



"At every graceful turn this emerald world will steal your heart away."

—JENNIFER S. HOLLAND, "BENEATH IRISH ISLES,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, MARCH 2005

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer **Jim**

Richardson is proud of his Celtic roots. A veteran of more than 40 articles for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*, Jim spent two years photographing the Celtic realm for the March 2006 *National Geographic* article "Celt Appeal." Jim will join a diverse team of experts on this voyage.



The Ring of Brodgar, Orkney Islands

ITINERARY: 15 DAYS**MAY 11 AND 12: U.S./LONDON, ENGLAND**

Depart on an overnight flight to London and embark the *National Geographic Explorer* on the Thames River. As we sail out of London, stand on deck to catch a panoramic glimpse of London's iconic landmarks. (D)

MAY 13: PORTSMOUTH

Set sail to Portsmouth, the naval port from which the D-Day invasion was launched. Delve into Britain's nautical history here, and see the HMS *Victory*, which helped defeat the French at Trafalgar. (B, L, D)

MAY 14: FOWEY/EDEN PROJECT

Wander through the medieval streets of this charming coastal town where explorers Drake and Raleigh set sail. Then visit the Eden Project, an innovative nature center, or stroll through the Lost Gardens of Heligan. (B, L, D)

MAY 15: ISLES OF SCILLY

According to Arthurian legend, the Isles of Scilly are all that remain of Lyonesse, a land that vanished beneath the Atlantic. Meander through Tresco Abbey Gardens, where subtropical plants flourish. (B, L, D)

MAY 16: SKELLIG ROCKS AND DINGLE PENINSULA, IRELAND

The isle of Skellig Michael was once an important center of Celtic Christianity. From the ship, gaze up at the beehive huts of its monastery, clinging to the jagged peak 600 feet above the sea. After lunch, explore the ancient sites of Dingle Peninsula and wander through the village. (B, L, D)

MAY 17: CLIFFS OF MOHER/ARAN ISLANDS

View the towering Cliffs of Moher as we sail by them this morning. Continue to the Aran Islands, known for their limestone moonscapes and strong Gaelic identity. Visit Dun Aengus, an enigmatic Celtic ring fort perched on the edge of a cliff. (B, L, D)

MAY 18: COUNTY DONEGAL

Dock at the fishing harbor of Killybegs and drive to the town of Glencolumbkille to discover ancient cairns and dolmens. Cruise past

Slieve League, soaring 2,000-foot cliffs that are the highest in Europe. (B, L, D)

MAY 19: IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND

On Iona, venture into an ancient nunnery and a 13th-century abbey. Examine the Celtic high crosses of kings such as Duncan and Macbeth. This afternoon, explore Staffa, an island famed for its geometric basalt columns and deep caves. It was here that Felix Mendelssohn was inspired to write his *Hebrides* overture. (B, L, D)

MAY 20: OUTER HEBRIDES/ST. KILDA/ CALLANISH

Visit the Outer Hebrides, where Scottish Gaelic is still spoken and artisans weave traditional woolen fabrics. Weather permitting, explore the cottages of remote St. Kilda, a UNESCO World Heritage site inhabited from the Bronze Age. (B, L, D)

MAY 21: INVEREWE GARDENS/ULLAPOOL

Stroll through Inverewe Gardens, where colorful subtropical flora thrives. Later, explore the charming fishing village of Ullapool. (B, L, D)

MAY 22: ORKNEY ISLANDS

Encounter a sophisticated Stone Age culture on visits to the Ring of Brodgar and the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into the medieval St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall. (B, L, D)

MAY 23: FAIR ISLE/MOUSA

Visit the bird research station, located on the migration flyway, and hike to a nearby beach to look for puffins. Then, on the uninhabited island of Mousa, see one of the best examples of an Iron Age broch. (B, L, D)

MAY 24: SHETLAND ISLANDS

Dock at the Shetland Islands, an archipelago of about 100 islands and islets. Drive through a rolling landscape dotted with Shetland ponies. Explore the ruins at Jarlshof, which reveal 4,000 years of near-continuous settlement. (B, L, D)

MAY 25: BERGEN, NORWAY/U.S.

Disembark in Bergen and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: May 11–25

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$12,370
Located on Main Deck with porthole	
Category 2	\$12,990
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 3	\$13,570
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 4	\$14,140
Located on Upper/Veranda Decks with window	
Category 5	\$16,890
Located on Upper Deck with balcony	
Category 6	\$19,490
Located on Upper/Veranda Decks—suite	
Category 7	\$22,590
Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony	

See *National Geographic Explorer* photos and deck plan on page 61. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$3,250 in Category 2 and \$3,390 in Category 3. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare from New York to London and return from Bergen is \$900 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a six-day pre-trip extension in Wales. Explore Welsh culture, castles, gardens, and abbeys, and take a scenic railway ride through the Snowdonia mountains. Please visit our website for details.

SCOTLAND'S HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

ABOARD THE *LORD OF THE GLENS*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Kayak on Loch Ness, and wander through the charming seaside town of Tobermory.
- » Stroll across the battlefields at Culloden where Bonnie Prince Charlie was dramatically defeated.
- » Hike through stunning scenery on the Isle of Skye, and learn about the tiny community on the remote island of Eigg.
- » Attend the Edinburgh Military Tattoo on an optional extension in Edinburgh.



“Geographically isolated, lashed by the North Atlantic, these brave outposts nurtured an individuality and an independence that have lured adventurers and romantics for centuries, from the ancient Celts to 19th-century poets, painters, and composers.”

—JIM RICHARDSON, “SCOTTISH ISLAND OBSESSION,”
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2012

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer **Jim Richardson** is proud of his Celtic roots. A veteran of more than 40 articles for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*, Jim spent two years photographing the Celtic realm for the March 2006 *National Geographic* article “Celt Appeal.” His work has also been published in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Life*, and *Sports Illustrated*, and featured on CBS *News Sunday Morning* and ABC’s *Nightline*. Jim will join a diverse team of experts on the August 18, 2014 departure.



View of Eilean Donan castle, Scotland

LAND OF THE POLAR BEARS

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—the polar bear—and observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.
- » Take naturalist-led shore walks through the tundra, and cruise among beautiful icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.
- » Experience the legendary midnight sun: the ethereal light of the northern summer, when the sun never sets.
- » Watch for huge walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

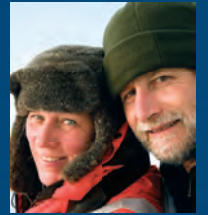


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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, APRIL 2009

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Traveler magazines. Both Sisse and Cotton have been awarded prizes by Pictures of the Year International, the National Press Photographers Association, and the White House Press Photographers Association. They will join a diverse team of naturalists and experts on the June 6, 2014 expedition. Visit our website for National Geographic photographers on other departures.

A polar bear leaps from an ice floe in Svalbard.

ITINERARY: 9 DAYS**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./INVERNESS, SCOTLAND/
KYLE OF LOCHALSH**

Depart for Inverness, arriving the next morning. Drive to Kyle of Lochalsh, and board the *Lord of the Glens* to the strains of a highland piper. Settle into your cabin and gather for a reception and dinner on board tonight. (D)

DAY 3: ISLE OF SKYE/INVERIE

Visit the Isle of Skye and take a guided walk in the Cuillin Hills (weather permitting), or explore Eilean Donan Castle and the quaint village of Plockton on the mainland. At the Museum of the Isles, trace the legacy of the 1,300-year-old Clan Donald, who once ruled the west coast of Scotland, and walk through the woodlands of Armadale. Then sail to Inverie, where you can have a drink at the most remote pub in the British Isles. (B, L, D)

**DAY 4: ISLE OF EIGG/TOBERMORY,
ISLE OF MULL**

Sail to tiny Eigg and see what life is like for the roughly 90 people who live in this island community. Look for marine animals including Atlantic seals, minke whales, dolphins, porpoises, and a variety of seabirds. Alternatively we may visit the Isle of Rum, renowned for spectacular Kinloch Castle. Sail to the Isle of Mull in the Inner Hebrides to explore Tobermory. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: IONA/DUART CASTLE/OBAN

Sail along the coast of Mull and cross to Iona by ferry to explore this picturesque island. Visit the medieval abbey ruins and the rebuilt abbey church. Stroll through St. Oran's Chapel and the royal graveyard where generations of Scottish kings are buried, and enjoy a brief



Lord of the Glens glides by the ruins of Urquhart Castle on the shores of Loch Ness.

walking tour of Iona. Visit photogenic Duart Castle, an imposing fortress with a dungeon. Sail across to the town of Oban, set on a picturesque bay on the Firth of Lorn. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6: OBAN/LOCH LINNHE/GLENFINNAN/
BANAVIE**

Explore the lively town of Oban on foot, visiting a whisky distillery and McCaig's Tower, a monument on a hill overlooking the town and bay that was inspired by the Roman Colosseum. Sail Loch Linnhe and ascend Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks. Drive to Glenfinnan, a village nestled within the mountains, and enjoy an afternoon walk. Continue to Banavie and this evening welcome local musicians on board for a lively performance. (B, L, D)



The colorful harbor at Tobermory

DAY 7: LAGGAN LOCKS/FORT AUGUSTUS

Sail into Loch Lochy and descend an impressive flight of locks that runs through the heart of Fort Augustus. Glide down the tree-lined canal known as Laggan Avenue, or hike or bike along the towpath. Moor at Fort Augustus and set out on a kayak excursion or a hike. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8: LOCH NESS/CLAVA CAIRNS/
INVERNESS/CULLODEN**

Enter Loch Ness, where we'll learn about the legendary monster said to inhabit the loch's depths. Sail to Inverness and visit Culloden, the infamous battlefield where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces were defeated in 1746. See the prehistoric standing stones and passage tombs of Clava Cairns. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: INVERNESS/U.S.

Disembark in Inverness and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

**DATES: 2014: Jul. 28–Aug. 5, Aug. 4–12*,
Aug 11–19, Aug 18–26***

**These departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order.*

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1 \$6,990

Located on the James Watt Deck

Category 2 \$7,990

Located on the A. G. Bell and David Roberts Decks

See the *Lord of the Glens* photo and deck plan on page 65. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$1,750 in Category 1 and \$2,000 in Category 2. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare between New York and Inverness is \$1,200 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION**EDINBURGH (2 DAYS) 2014:**

Add a two-day exploration of enchanting Edinburgh to your voyage. Discover Edinburgh Castle, examine Scotland's crown jewels and the legendary Stone of Destiny, stroll the Royal Mile to St. Giles Cathedral, and experience the pageantry of the Military Tattoo.



Edinburgh's spectacular Military Tattoo

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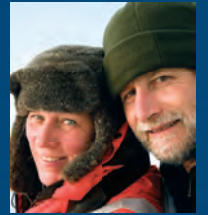


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A polar bear leaps from an ice floe in Svalbard.

ITINERARY: 11 DAYS**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY**

Depart on an overnight flight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into our hotel. On an afternoon tour of this charming city, stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, showcasing the polar ship *Fram* and dedicated to the explorers and wooden vessels that navigated the Arctic Sea in the late 1800s and early 1900s. This evening explore Oslo on your own.

Hotel Continental

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN

Depart Oslo on a private charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark the *National Geographic Explorer*, your base for the next six days. (B, L, D)

DAYS 4–9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of discovery, and our travel in the archipelago is exploratory by design. In a region ruled not by humans but by polar bears, we let nature guide our course. Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer sun never sets. With our fully-stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe the ice in search of wildlife; our exact day-to-day itinerary remains flexible, depending on local ice and weather conditions. Zodiacs and kayaks take us closer to experience the region's geologic features and the wildlife

that flourishes during the summer months. With our National Geographic photographer and a seasoned naturalist staff, venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; and search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walrus, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. (B, L, D Daily)

**DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO**

In Longyearbyen, the largest settlement in Svalbard, disembark and enjoy time to explore. Founded by an American coal executive in 1906, this is one of the northernmost human settlements on Earth. Fly back to Oslo this afternoon. *Radisson Blu Hotel* (B, L)

DAY 11: OSLO/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight home. (B)

ADDITIONAL ITINERARY:
NORWAY'S FJORDS AND ARCTIC SVALBARD

17 DAYS

MAY 24–JUNE 9, 2014

Follow Norway's fjord-carved coast past the North Cape to the icy isles of Svalbard, where polar bears prowl and walrus haul out on rocky shores. Visit our website for details.

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: June 6–16, June 13–23, June 20–30

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$8,990
Located on Main Deck with porthole	
Category 2	\$9,590
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 3	\$9,960
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 4	\$10,560
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks with window	
Category 5	\$12,470
Located on Upper Deck with balcony	
Category 6	\$14,550
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks—suite	
Category 7	\$16,630
Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony	

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a five-day pre-trip extension to the breathtaking fjords of Norway or a five-day post-trip extension to Iceland that includes Reykjavík and the Golden Circle. Visit our website for details.

A walrus displays his impressive tusks.



A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF ICELAND

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Explore Europe's largest ice cap, and discover the lava-sculpted landscapes of the Westman Islands.
- » Soak in hot springs, and see boiling mud pots and the thundering Godafoss Waterfall.
- » Go whale-watching and spot birdlife on the shores of Iceland and its surrounding isles.
- » Get up close to spectacular sculptures in ice on a cruise among the scattered icebergs of Jökulsárlón.

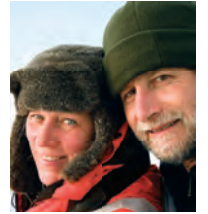


"A final relic from the world's last ice age, this North Atlantic island nation is a world of knife-cut valleys, gargantuan fjords, monumental cliffs, black-sand beaches, thundering waterfalls, and silent white glaciers."

—ANDREW EVANS, "HARMONIC CONVERGENCE,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, NOV/DEC 2011

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Travelers take in the power and beauty of Godafoss waterfall.

ITINERARY: 10 DAYS**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./ REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND**

Fly overnight to Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Take a guided overview of the Old Town, including Hallgrímskirkja Cathedral. Learn about Norse culture at the National Museum, featuring Viking treasures and artifacts and unusual whalebone carvings. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (L, D)

DAY 3: EXPLORING THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

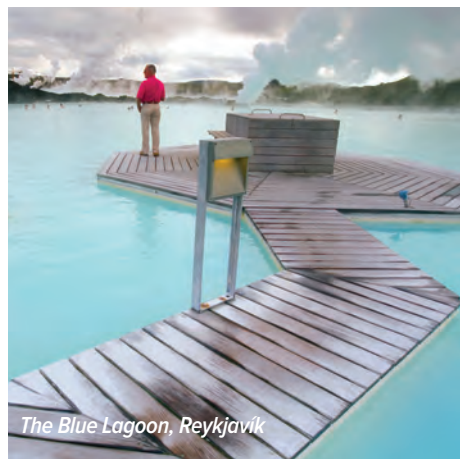
Navigate Iceland's wild western frontier, sailing past the soaring Látrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Iceland and home to a huge population of razorbills. Continue to Flatey island, a trading post for many centuries, and take walks around the charming hamlet here. Explore the coast by Zodiac this afternoon. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: ÍSAFJÖRDUR

Located in the West Fjords, the town of Ísafjörður lies on a tiny spit jutting out into the water against a backdrop of steep hills and is renowned for its traditional eider down production. It's a picture postcard of Icelandic life and a great place for hiking, kayaking, and spotting eider ducks. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: EXPLORING ICELAND'S NORTHERN COAST

Start the day in Siglufjörður, the center of Iceland's once-thriving herring industry, and stop by the Herring Museum for a talk and a tasting. Then continue on to picturesque



The Blue Lagoon, Reykjavik

Akureyri, Iceland's second largest city. Explore the old town, with its beautifully maintained period houses set against a backdrop of snow-capped mountains, or visit the botanical garden. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: MÝVATN AND HÚSAVÍK

Drive to Mývatn, the most geologically active area in Iceland. See the bubbling mud pools at Hverarönd and the volcanic crater at Viti before continuing on for an unforgettable sight: Godafoss, the "waterfall of the gods." Meet the ship in Húsavík, and set sail for the tiny island of Grímsey where we officially arrive in the Arctic Circle. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: EXPLORING THE LANGANES PENINSULA

Iceland's rugged east coast is an unspoiled stretch of rocky outcrops, hidden coves, and hills that beckon hikers. Today is left open to explore this beautiful landscape with our naturalists by Zodiac and on foot. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: DJÚPIVOGUR

Dock in Djúpivogur to explore the vast Vatnajökull icecap, the third largest in the world. For a closer look at the icecap, take a boat ride through Jökulsárlón, a lagoon strewn with spectacular icebergs sculpted into all shapes and sizes by the elements. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: WESTMAN ISLANDS

The Westman Islands were formed by undersea volcanoes between 5,000 and 10,000 years ago and are among the youngest of the world's archipelagos. In 1963, the world witnessed the birth of its newest island, Surtsey—a UNESCO World Heritage site—which we'll see as we cruise past the coast. In 1973, Heimaey was threatened by lava flows that nearly closed off its harbor. Visit the crater, where the earth is still hot, and take in amazing views of areas that were engulfed by lava. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: REYKJAVÍK /U.S.

We complete our circumnavigation today and disembark in Reykjavík. Enjoy lunch in town, and take a soak in the geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon before your flight home. (B, L)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: July 12–21, July 20–29

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$7,990
Located on Main Deck with porthole	
Category 2	\$8,690
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 3	\$8,990
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 4	\$9,790
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks with window	
Category 5	\$11,580
Located on Upper Deck with balcony	
Category 6	\$13,860
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks—suite	
Category 7	\$15,980
Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony	

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add a two-day pre-trip extension to see Reykjavík's Golden Circle. Visit our website or call for details.



An Atlantic Puffin

THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE, ICELAND, AND GREENLAND

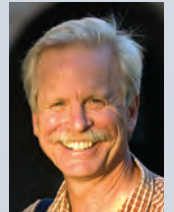
ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Venture into the fabled Northwest Passage, and hear dramatic stories of explorers and adventurers who sought this magnificent and icy frontier.
- » Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of Greenland's Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- » Observe polar bears, walruses, ringed seals, belugas, and narwhals in their natural habitats.
- » Visit the National Museum in Nuuk to see 15th-century Qilakitsoq mummies featured in *National Geographic* magazine.

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer **Jay Dickman** has worked in photojournalism for more than 35 years. In addition to more than 25 assignments for the National Geographic Society, he has also published five books and numerous articles for *National Geographic Traveler*, *LIFE*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Forbes*. Jay will join a diverse team of experts and naturalists on this departure.



"The dream of a Northwest Passage lured European explorers for centuries...I've been up for nearly 23 hours, but I cannot sleep. The joy and excitement are too great."

— JEFF MACINNIS, "BRAVING THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, MAY 1989

Sparkling icebergs clutter the seas off of Nanortalik, Greenland.



ITINERARY: 25 DAYS**JUL. 28 AND 29: U.S./ REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND**

Arrive in Reykjavik, located just south of the Arctic Circle. On a walking tour of the old town, visit Hallgrímskirkja cathedral and delve into Viking history at the National Museum. This afternoon, embark the *National Geographic Explorer*. (L, D)

JUL. 30: ICELAND'S WEST COAST

Sail past the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills. On Flatey Island, walk around the age-old trading post and explore the coast by Zodiac. (B, L, D)

JUL. 31 AND AUGUST 1: THE DENMARK STRAIT/NANORTALIK, GREENLAND

Follow the wake of Erik the Red as we cross the Denmark Strait. Sail into Prins Christian Sund, which cuts far into the southern tip of Greenland, passing between towering pinnacles and glaciers. Anchor off Nanortalik, the "place of polar bears," and go ashore to explore Greenland's most southerly town. (B, L, D Daily)



A Polar bear on coastal cliffs.

AUG. 2 AND 3: AT SEA/NUUK

After a day at sea, visit Nuuk, one of the world's smallest capital cities by population, and tour the National Museum to examine 15th-century Qilakitsoq mummies found near Uummannaq and featured on the cover of *National Geographic* magazine's February 1985 issue. (B, L, D Daily)

AUG. 4: GREENLAND'S WEST COAST & SISIMIUT

Explore the fjords and glaciers of the dramatic western coast, on the lookout for humpback or minke whales. Then visit the museum and 18th-century town center of the former whaling port of Sisimiut. (B, L, D)

AUG. 5 AND 6: AT SEA/DISKO BAY & ILULISSAT

Spend a day at sea enjoying the ship's spa, library, and observation deck. Then sail into Disko Bay to explore the World Heritage site of Ilulissat Icefjord. Take an extraordinary cruise among towering icebergs and visit the Inuit fishing village of Sermermiut. (B, L, D Daily)

AUG. 7–9: EXPLORING EAST BAFFIN ISLAND

We travel north along the wild coast, on the look-out for polar bears, bowhead whales, and the elusive narwhal. We will also visit the small Inuit community of Clyde River as we officially enter into Canada. (B, L, D Daily)

AUG. 10–19: THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

Approach the legendary Northwest Passage from the Lancaster Sound, where rich waters have drawn Inuit hunters and fishermen for thousands of years. Our route is completely ice and weather dependent. The ice-choked channels and glacier-carved islands of the Arctic Archipelago stretch for hundreds of miles, a stunning display of raw geology that we'll explore in depth. Kayak beneath massive ice sculptures and soaring cliffs, and venture into canyons and fjords. As we make our way to Amundsen Gulf, look for walrus, polar bears, beluga and bowhead whales, and maybe an elusive narwhal. (B, L, D Daily)

AUG. 20 AND 21: KUGLUKTUK, CANADA/ EDMONTON/U.S.

After breakfast, disembark in Kugluktuk and fly to Edmonton where we overnight at our hotel. The next morning transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B, L, D; B)

**ADDITIONAL ITINERARY:
THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE TO
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
24 DAYS**

AUGUST 19–SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Discover the fabled Northwest Passage with Gil Grosvenor, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors of National Geographic, then trace the coast of Baffin Island south to discover the colorful history of Newfoundland and Labrador. Visit our website for details.

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Jul. 28–Aug. 21

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$24,990
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Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 3	\$27,980
Located on Main Deck with window	
Category 4	\$29,990
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks with window	
Category 5	\$35,970
Located on Upper Deck with balcony	
Category 6	\$41,390
Located on Upper and Veranda Decks—suite	
Category 7	\$47,990
Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony	

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A bull muskox stands alone on the tundra.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » View the magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and ice formations that make up the dramatic Antarctic landscape.
- » Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of leopard seals.
- » Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.
- » Walk on shore amid thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.
- » Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of a team of top naturalists.



"[A traveler] stands among the penguins, incredulous. 'I know I'm here, but I don't believe I'm here,' she exclaims to no one in particular. 'It's beyond all dreams.'"

—KENNETH BROWER, WRITTEN ON ASSIGNMENT
ON BOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER,
"THE GREAT WHITE HOPE," NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER,
OCTOBER 2013

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** has produced more than a dozen feature stories for *National Geographic* magazine and more than 30 for *National Geographic Traveler*, including eight cover stories. On assignment for National Geographic for the past ten years, Michael has often used photography to bring attention to the planet's wonders and the need to preserve them. Michael will join the January 7 and 17, 2015 departures of Journey to Antarctica. He will also join the March 7, 2014 departure of South Georgia and the Falklands (see page 45). Please visit our website for National Geographic photographers on other departures.



Gentoo penguins cluster in the snow.

ITINERARY: 14 DAYS**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into our hotel before heading out on an afternoon tour of the city. Gather tonight for a welcome reception. *Caesar Park Hotel*

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. Then embark the *National Geographic Explorer* and set sail. (B, L, D)

DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

While crossing the spectacular Drake Passage, spot whales and other marine life that glide alongside the ship. (B, L, D)

DAYS 5–10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching



A kayaker maneuvers toward an icy landscape in the waters of Antarctica.

whales perform off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing during the day. We anticipate making several Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. (B, L, D Daily)

Depending on weather and sea conditions, we plan to make the following stops:

PARADISE BAY

This pristine bay is edged by soaring, ice-covered peaks. Hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags.

LEMAIRE CHANNEL AND PETERMANN ISLAND

Cruise through the Lemaire Channel between towering snowcaps and blue icebergs. Step ashore at Petermann Island to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins standing along the shoreline as if awaiting your arrival.

NEKO HARBOR

Dock in Neko Harbor. Walk among penguins on the beach or climb high onto an ice field for a panoramic vista of untouched peaks surrounding this idyllic bay.

HISTORIC PORT LOCKROY

In 1944, the British government began an expedition code-named Operation Tabarin, creating a series of base stations in Antarctica. Base A, at Port Lockroy, is now a museum and Antarctica's only public post office.

DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA

Enjoy the ship's amenities as the Antarctic coast disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 13 AND 14: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (B, L on Day 13)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: Feb. 2014: 5–18.

2014/ 2015 Season: Nov. 28–Dec. 11, Dec. 8–21, Dec. 18–Dec. 31, Dec. 28–Jan. 10, Jan. 7–20, Jan. 17–30, Jan. 27–Feb. 9, Feb. 6–19

EXPEDITION COST:	FEB. 2014	2014/2015
Category 1	\$11,990	\$12,350
Category 2	\$12,890	\$13,280
Category 3	\$13,290	\$13,690
Category 4	\$14,290	\$14,720
Category 5	\$17,150	\$17,670
Category 6	\$19,650	\$20,240
Category 7	\$22,870	\$23,560

Located on Main Deck with porthole

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Located on Upper/Veranda Decks with window

Located on Upper/Veranda Decks—suite

Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony

Located on Upper Deck with balcony

Located on Upper/Veranda Decks—suite

Located on Upper/Veranda Decks—suite

Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony

Located on Upper Deck—suite with balcony

See *National Geographic Explorer* deck plan on page 61. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For single cabin pricing please visit our website. Economy airfare round-trip between Miami and Buenos Aires is \$1,200 (subject to change). Charter airfare between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia is \$790 (subject to change).

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by December 31, 2013 and receive complimentary round-trip international airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires on the November 28 and December 8, 2014 departures.

► Visit our website for information on adding additional nights in Buenos Aires and post-trip extensions to Iguazú Falls or Easter Island.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Glide past massive icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.
- » Trace the story of Shackleton's fateful expedition to Antarctica and South Georgia.
- » Immerse yourself in a sea of black and white amid a 200,000-strong king penguin colony in South Georgia.
- » Visit the outposts of Port Stanley in the Falklands and Port Lockroy in Antarctica.

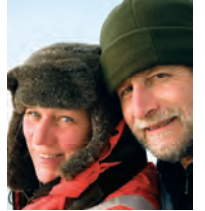


"If doctors told me I had only two weeks to live, I'd spend one week on South Georgia and the other week getting there."

—BRENT HOUSTON, "ISLAND OF THE KINGS,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, OCTOBER 2009

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Photographers **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** have collectively photographed more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines. Both Sisse and Cotton have been awarded prizes by Pictures of the Year International, the National Press Photographers Association, and the White House Press Photographers Association. They will join a diverse team of experts and naturalists on the December 26, 2014 departure.



Getting up close and personal with one of South Georgia's king penguin colonies is an incredible experience.

ITINERARY: 24 DAYS**DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into our hotel before embarking on an afternoon tour of the city. *Caesar Park Hotel*

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. Then set sail on the *National Geographic Explorer*. (B, L, D)



An albatross in a courtship display.

DAY 4: AT SEA

Settle into shipboard life as we sail to the Falkland Islands. Keep a lookout for seabirds, as well as whales and other marine life that swim alongside the ship. (B, L, D)

DAYS 5 AND 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Dock in Port Stanley, and stroll along streets lined with Victorian-style houses. Visit the Anglican Cathedral and the Falkland Islands Museum. Hike and kayak along rocky coasts, spotting Magellanic penguins, herds of elephant seals, and the largest albatross colony in the world. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 7-13: AT SEA/SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

After two days at sea, arrive in South Georgia, renowned for its beauty and wildlife—and Shackleton's final resting place. Glide past dramatic cliffs, and look for young Antarctic fur seals. Hike through this breathtaking landscape, and cruise into a remote bay where some 200,000 king penguins await. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 14 AND 15: AT SEA

As we head west toward the Antarctic Peninsula, watch for whales from the ship's bridge, attend talks by our experts, and enjoy the amenities on board. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 16-20: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible. We anticipate making several landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. Depending on conditions, we plan to kayak in pristine Paradise Bay and sail between the jagged snowcaps that flank Lemaire Channel. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 21 AND 22: AT SEA

On our final days at sea, enjoy one last chance to view the marine life of these southern waters. Toast our epic voyage at a festive farewell dinner. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 23 AND 24: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia with some time to explore. Fly to Buenos Aires by private charter. Connect to your flight home, and arrive the next day. (B, L on Day 23)



A humpback whale spy-hops near a Zodiac.

**ADDITIONAL ITINERARY:
SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS
19 DAYS****MARCH 7–25, 2014**

Steeped in Shackleton lore, covered in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: dense colonies of king penguins, fur seals, elephant seals, and macaroni penguins. Add the Falklands, ablaze with tussock grass, colonies of rockhopper penguins, and ledges filled with albatross—and you have one of the most brilliant travel experiences on the planet. Visit our website for details.

**TRIP DETAILS**

2014/15 (Explorer): Nov. 8–Dec. 1, Feb. 16–Mar. 11*

**2014/15 (Orion): Dec. 26–Jan. 18,
Jan. 25–Feb. 17, Feb. 14–Mar. 9***

* These departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order.

EXPEDITION COST:

2014/15 Season:	Explorer	Orion
Category 1	\$21,360	\$21,360
Category 2	\$22,890	\$22,890
Category 3	\$23,960	\$25,090
Category 4	\$25,090	\$30,780
Category 5	\$30,780	\$35,520
Category 6	\$35,520	\$41,190
Category 7	\$41,190	N/A

See the descriptions, photos, and deck plans for the *Explorer* on page 61 and for the *Orion* on page 60. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For single cabin pricing, please visit our website. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Round-trip economy airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires is \$1,200, and charter flight between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia is \$790 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Add additional nights in Buenos Aires, a four-day post-trip extension to Iguazú Falls or a five-day post-trip extension to Easter Island. Visit our website or call for details.

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by December 31, 2013 and receive complimentary round-trip international airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires on the November 8, 2014 departure aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*.

WILD ENCOUNTERS FROM BORNEO TO BALI

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Meet with National Geographic grantee Biruté Galdikas on a visit to Camp Leakey, an orangutan research and conservation center she established in the forests of Indonesian Borneo.
- » Skim through the jungles of Tanjung Puting National Park on an all-day excursion by boat, and interact with orangutans and other rare wildlife at rehabilitation centers.
- » Explore the incredible array of Borneo's flora and fauna at Bako National Park, home to seven different ecosystems.
- » Swim and snorkel the coral reefs off the pristine, uninhabited isles of the Natuna and Anambas archipelagos.



"Like fat-bellied acrobats, [orangutans] seem to traverse the canopy effortlessly, leaving researchers such as me to crash through the undergrowth trying to keep a constant eye on them."

—CHERYL KNOTT, "ORANGUTANS IN THE WILD,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, AUGUST 1998

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Brian Skerry has photographed his wild encounters with marine wildlife and underwater environments for *National Geographic* magazine since 1998, including photography for the July 2008 article "An Uneasy Eden" documenting the most pristine and rare reefs of the Pacific. His nearly year-round assignment schedule frequently finds him in environments of extreme contrast from tropical coral reefs to diving beneath polar ice. Brian will share his stories of life at sea on both the September 16 and 26, 2014 departures.



A pair of young Bornean orangutans embracing.

ITINERARY: 13 DAYS

DAYS 1–3: U.S./SINGAPORE/AT SEA

Depart for Singapore, crossing the international date line and arriving the following afternoon. We will have time to explore Singapore's diverse neighborhoods before boarding the *National Geographic Orion*. As we set sail on the South China Sea, hear talks by our experts, and get acquainted with our ship and its amenities. (D)



Snorkeling over a pristine reef

DAY 4: ANAMBAS ARCHIPELAGO

Our first stop is the remote Anambas Archipelago, where we'll snorkel the unspoiled reefs surrounding Pulau Bawah or Pulau Lintang, perhaps ending the day with a beach barbecue. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: NATUNA ARCHIPELAGO

Scattered in the South China Sea between Borneo and the Malaysian peninsula, the 272 islands of the Natuna Archipelago are graced with white-sand beaches and volcanic peaks and fringed with coral reefs. Depending on the weather, we will likely stop to snorkel at either Pulau Senua or Pulau Tiga, both pristine and uninhabited, and later enjoy a festive welcome ceremony in one of the fishing villages that dot the islands. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: BAKO NATIONAL PARK, SARAWAK, BORNEO

In Bako National Park, thick rain forests give way to secluded beaches, and the coast is ornamented with sea arches and colorful sea stacks. The park harbors seven distinct ecosystems and most of the plant species

found in Borneo. Enjoy a full day to explore on a variety of walks and hikes, go birding, and track rare primates like the proboscis monkey. (B, L, D)

DAYS 7–9: KUCHING/AT SEA

Continue to Kuching, the capital of the Malaysian state of Sarawak. Visit the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, discuss ongoing research on orangutan behavior, and hear about a successful program that has reintroduced more than a thousand endangered animals into the wild. During free time this afternoon, discover the cultural treasures of Kuching. Spend two days relaxing at sea, tracing the western coast of Kalimantan, or Indonesian Borneo. (B, L, D Daily)

DAYS 10 AND 11: TANJUNG PUTING NATIONAL PARK, KALIMANTAN

Set on a peninsula jutting out from the southern edge of Kalimantan, Tanjung Puting National Park is a trove of rare species and diverse habitats. While the park is home to some 220 bird species and numerous monkey species, its most famous residents are the endangered orangutans. Board boats for a full-day excursion into the forest, gliding on narrow channels on the lookout for hornbills, crocodiles, and perhaps the unusual proboscis monkey.

Our destination is Camp Leakey, a research station established in 1971 by primatologist Dr. Biruté Galdikas, a protégé of legendary paleontologist Louis Leakey and the founder of Orangutan Foundation International (OFI). A many-time National Geographic grantee, Dr. Galdikas joins us to discuss her efforts to save the orangutan from extinction through rehabilitation and habitat preservation. Our boats bring us to feeding stations throughout the forest, where we can observe these gentle creatures at close range. The following day, visit the OFI's wildlife rehabilitation center to learn how captive and orphaned orangutans are rescued and rehabilitated. (B, L, D Daily)

DAY 12 AND 13: AT SEA/DENPASAR, BALI/U.S.

Cross the Java Sea to the lovely Indonesian island of Bali. Disembark the following morning and transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home. (B)



TRIP DETAILS

DATES: 2014: Sep. 16–28, Sep. 26–Oct 8*

*This departure follows the itinerary shown but in the reverse order.

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$8,680
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 2	\$10,080
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 3	\$11,970
Located on the Upper Deck—suite with window	
Category 4	\$13,110
Located on the Bridge Deck—deluxe suite with window	
Category 5	\$15,650
Located on the Bridge Deck—suite with balcony	
Category 6	\$18,180
Located on the Bridge Deck—owner's suite with balcony	

See *Orion* photos and deck plan on page 60. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$4,310 in Category 1 and \$5,980 in Category 3. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from Los Angeles to Singapore and return from Bali is \$1,300 (subject to change).



A proboscis monkey

INDONESIAN ODYSSEY: BALI TO AUSTRALIA'S GREAT BARRIER REEF

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Encounter Indonesia's vibrant cultures during traditional welcome ceremonies and visits to remote island villages and markets.
- » Explore Komodo National Park, home of the Komodo dragon, and learn about the conservation of these remarkable creatures.
- » Discover the timeless traditions and exquisite art of the Asmat region while exploring its stilt villages by Zodiac.
- » Swim, snorkel, and dive at spectacular reefs, isolated atolls, and ivory beaches from eastern Indonesia to the Great Barrier Reef.

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

A National Geographic staff photographer since 1990, **Mark Thiessen** has published numerous feature stories and covers for *National Geographic* magazine. He also documented film director and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence James Cameron's dive to the ocean's deepest site at the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Mark currently directs the National Geographic photo studio, and he will join a diverse team of experts and naturalists on this expedition.



"Dragons roam from the volcanic island's jagged mountain tops down to its sandy beaches...the scenery is of extreme beauty. Steep, green slopes of fantastic shapes run up with many curves and contortions to the rocky saddles which divide up the island."

—LADY BROUGHTON, "A MODERN DRAGON HUNT ON KOMODO,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER 1936

Scuba divers explore the brilliant Great Barrier Reef.



ITINERARY: 20 DAYS**OCT. 18-20: U.S./DENPASAR, BALI, INDONESIA**

Depart from Bali, crossing the international date line, and embark the *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

OCT. 21-24: LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS

Our first stop is the Indonesian island of Sumbawa, where villagers welcome us with a lively cultural display. At Komodo National Park, go hiking with park rangers to spot the world's largest living lizard—the Komodo dragon—in its natural habitat; and swim and snorkel at “Pink Beach,” named for the coral fragments that lend their color to the sand. Explore the island of Flores, once an important Portuguese trading center for sandalwood, and venture to the rugged interior of Alor to visit a local market and museum. (B, L, D Daily)



An Indonesian dancer.

OCT. 25 AND 26: AT SEA/BANDA ISLANDS, MOLUCCAS

Explore the isolated coral reefs and atolls of the Banda Sea, then sail into the Moluccas archipelago, also known as Maluku or the Spice Islands. Visit the island of Run, which played a pivotal role in the 17th century spice wars and was traded by the British in exchange for the Dutch island of New Amsterdam—later renamed New York. Delve into the history of the Dutch East India Company at Bandanaira island, and go swimming and snorkeling. (B, L, D Daily)

OCT. 27: KAI ISLANDS

During a traditional welcome ceremony, sample local dishes and learn about the islands' ancient cultural links to Balinese royalty. Later, we'll anchor at a nearby palm-fringed beach. (B, L, D)

OCT. 28: TRITON BAY, WEST PAPUA

Dotted with mushroom-shaped limestone islets, Triton Bay is home to diverse birdlife, including sulphur-crested cockatoos and rainbow lorikeets. Explore this lush paradise by Zodiac, go birding, and snorkel and dive among beautiful soft corals. (B, L, D)

OCT. 29-31: AT SEA/THE ASMAT

Arrive in the enchanting Asmat region, which spreads across mud flats and mangrove forests, with raised wooden boardwalks linking one village to the next. Elaborately painted warriors escort us to a stilt village on shore for a welcome ceremony. Our subsequent exploration will be dictated by the tides, as we venture to neighboring villages by Zodiac and encounter the ancient culture of the Asmat people, who are renowned for their woodcarving. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 1 AND 2: AT SEA/TORRES STRAIT AND THURSDAY ISLAND, AUSTRALIA

Sail into the Torres Strait and stop at Thursday Island to learn about the pearl industry that once thrived here. Swim or snorkel at nearby islands, or explore Cape York. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 3 AND 4: THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND LIZARD ISLAND

At a remote northern section of the Great Barrier Reef, snorkel or dive amid a profusion of marine life, from starfish and sea anemones to reef sharks and turtles. Cruise south to Lizard Island National Park, a secluded group of islands considered sacred by the indigenous Dinkaal people. Explore white-sand beaches and coral gardens inhabited by colorful fish and giant clams. Trace the steps of explorer Captain James Cook to the island's peak, “Cook's Look.” (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 5 AND 6: CAIRNS/U.S.

Disembark in Cairns and spend the night at a seaside hotel before transferring to your flight home. (B)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Oct. 18–Nov. 6

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$16,620
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 2	\$19,180
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 3	\$22,650
Located on the Upper Deck—suite with window	
Category 4	\$24,730
Located on the Bridge Deck—deluxe suite with window	
Category 5	\$29,390
Located on the Bridge Deck—suite with balcony	
Category 6	\$33,990
Located on the Bridge Deck—owner's suite with balcony	

See *Orion* photos and deck plan on page 60. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$8,310 in Category 1 and \$11,330 in Category 3. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from Los Angeles to Bali and return from Cairns is \$1,810 (subject to change).



A Komodo dragon.

VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA: ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER

ABOARD THE JAHAN

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Sail the Mekong River on a seven-night cruise aboard the elegant riverboat *Jahan*.
- » Watch the sun rise at Angkor Wat, and spend two full days immersed in the splendor of Angkor's temples and palaces.
- » Explore the vibrant cities of Phnom Penh and Saigon, and experience rural life on visits to floating homes, farms, and traditional villages.
- » Witness the revitalization of Cambodian arts with an *apsara* dance and a visit to a local craft workshop.



"Along [the Mekong River] empires, kingdoms, and colonial realms have risen and fallen; successor states have plunged into war and bloodshed...Through it all the Mekong has remained wild and free, moving to immemorial rhythms: the monsoon, the flood, the giving of its waters to nourish the lands and people along it."

—THOMAS O'NEILL, "MEKONG RIVER,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 1993

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Paula Swart is an expert on Asian culture and history, and her travels have taken her to Vietnam and Cambodia numerous times, including a rail journey that she led from Beijing to Hanoi in 1994. Paula holds degrees in archaeology, Asian art history, and Chinese history. She speaks five languages, including Mandarin, and she has published several books and numerous articles on the art and architecture of Asian cultures. Paula has enjoyed introducing visitors to Asian culture and history for more than 25 years and she will join a diverse team of experts on the January 6, 2015 departure.



Draped in bright saffron robes, two monks gaze at Cambodia's Angkor Wat.

ITINERARY: 14 DAYS

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Depart for Siem Reap and arrive the following evening. Settle into our Khmer-style hotel on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

La Résidence D'Angkor



The elegant riverboat Jahan

DAYS 3 AND 4: ANGKOR

Rise early to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat. This 12th-century Khmer temple, one of the world's largest religious monuments, is adorned with elaborate bas-reliefs and sculptures. Ride a *tuk-tuk*, or motorized rickshaw, to the walled city of Angkor Thom, and discover the shrines of Ta Prohm and the Bayon Temple. Visit a workshop where local youth are trained in age-old Khmer arts. (B, L, D; B, D)

DAY 5: KAMPONG CHAM

Drive to the bustling town of Kampong Cham, and embark the *Jahan*, our home for the next seven nights. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: WAT HANCHEY/ANGKOR BAN

At Wat Hanchey, see a variety of temples, including an eighth-century temple from the pre-Angkor Chenla period. Continue to the village of Angkor Ban, and encounter its traditional houses and friendly residents. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: KAMPONG CHHNANG/KAMPONG TRALACH

Visit a village where artisans make traditional pottery, and board local boats to see the clustered houses and shops that float in midstream. At Kampong Tralach, take an oxcart ride through rice paddies to a Buddhist temple. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: PHNOM PENH

Explore the Cambodian capital by *cyclo* (bicycle taxi), and visit the Royal Palace and the National Museum of Cambodia. Learn about the reign of the Khmer Rouge on a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening, enjoy a dance performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: CRUISING THE MEKONG

Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by our experts, and join our chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. Cross the border into Vietnam. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: CHAU DOC, VIETNAM

Explore the colorful markets of Chau Doc, and stop at a floating village to watch traditional fish farming methods. Cruise through the narrow Tan Chau Canal that connects the lower and upper Mekong River branches. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: SA DEC/CAI BE

Take a local boat to experience rural life in the Mekong Delta. See the floating market of Cai Be, step into a rice "factory" to watch rice-based candies being made, and cruise among floating markets and fish farms. (B, L, D)

DAY 12: MY THO/SAIGON

Disembark in My Tho and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Then journey to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) and check into the Park Hyatt Saigon. This afternoon, meet with a local expert on Vietnam's modern history. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 AND 14: SAIGON/U.S.

Embark on a tour of Saigon's landmarks, including the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. This evening, connect with your return flight home, arriving the next day. (B)



Extend your expedition and visit Halong Bay.



TRIP DETAILS

DATES: 2015: Jan. 6–19, Jan. 14–27*, Jan. 20–Feb. 2, Feb. 25–Mar. 10*, Mar. 3–16

**These departures follow the itinerary shown but in the reverse order, from Saigon to Siem Reap.*

EXPEDITION COST:	2015
Category 1	\$9,870
Located on Main Deck	
Category 2	\$10,590
Located on Upper Deck	
Category 3	\$12,350
Located on Main and Upper Decks	
Category 4	\$14,800
Located on Upper Deck–suite	

See *Jahan* photo and deck plan on page 64. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin in Category 1, add \$4,920. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from Los Angeles to Saigon and return from Siem Reap is \$1,600 (subject to change).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

VIETNAM: FROM HOI AN TO HALONG BAY (8 DAYS)

2015: Jan. 6–15, Jan. 19–27, Feb. 2–10, Feb. 17–26, Mar. 16–24

Venture further into Vietnam on an optional extension. Discover Hoi An's Old Town, explore the Forbidden Purple City in Hue, encounter traditional water puppets in Hanoi, and sail amid the limestone pinnacles of Halong Bay. The Jan. 6-15 and Feb. 17-26 are pre-trip. The Jan. 19-27, Feb. 2-10 and Mar. 16-24 are post-trip. Visit our website or call for a detailed itinerary and pricing.

REEFS, LAGOONS, AND VOLCANIC ISLES: FIJI TO TAHITI

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Spot rare and colorful birds and flowers on Fiji's spectacular "Garden Island," Taveuni, and in the rain forests of Samoa.
- » Witness a traditional kava ceremony in Tonga and visit remote island villages from Fiji to the Cook Islands.
- » Snorkel and dive amid the corals of the Southern Line Islands, designated one of most unspoiled reef systems in the world as part of National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala's Pristine Seas project.
- » Sail into the massive lagoon at Rangiroa, French Polynesia, and explore the area's rich marine world.



"The most amazing place I've ever seen...the most pristine place we have dived so far. We have found it. This is it."

—EXPLORER-IN-RESIDENCE ENRIC SALA,
DIVING IN THE SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS ON
THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC-FUNDED PRISTINE SEAS EXPEDITION

Local women stroll along a white-sand, palm-fringed beach in the Cook Islands.

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer and marine biologist **Flip Nicklin** is one of the world's leading underwater photographers. His majestic photos and amazing audio tracks of humpbacks and killer whales have appeared in numerous National Geographic publications and television specials. The North American Nature Photography Association has named him Outstanding Nature Photographer of the Year. Flip will join a diverse team of naturalists on this expedition.



ITINERARY: 20 DAYS**NOV. 16–18: U.S./NADI, FIJI/LAUTOKA**

Depart the U.S., cross the International Date Line, and arrive in Nadi, Fiji. Transfer to nearby Lautoka to board the *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

NOV. 19–21: FIJI/AT SEA

Our first stop is Taveuni, the third largest of Fiji's 300-some islands, known as "The Garden Island." Head inland to the waterfalls of Bouma National Heritage Park and admire the view from 3,920-foot Des Voeux Peak. Go diving or snorkeling, or take a birding walk to see species such as orange fruit doves, endemic silktails, and fantails. Experience the local culture in remote villages on Fiji's outer islands before a day to relax at sea. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 22 AND 23: TONGA

The ship winds its way through a maze of uplifted limestone islets as we arrive in the Kingdom of Tonga. In Neiafu, visit a vanilla plantation and browse the craft and produce markets at the wharf. Spend the afternoon kayaking, snorkeling, diving, or taking a Zodiac into limestone caves along the coast. Then anchor off far-flung Niuatoputapu for an introduction to Tongan music and dance, and attend a kava ceremony. On Tafahi, a volcanic cone rising out of the sea, snorkel, or dive among submerged canyons and tunnels. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 24–26: SAMOA/AT SEA

Immerse yourself in Samoa's tropical paradise on rain forest hikes and snorkeling or diving excursions, and soak up the languid rhythms of island life. Then enjoy life aboard the *National Geographic Orion* as we spend two days at sea. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 27 AND 28: NORTHERN COOK ISLANDS

The 15 Cook Islands are scattered across some 750,000 square miles of the Pacific and were named after Captain Cook, who explored them in the 1770s. The northern islands are low coral atolls with vast turquoise lagoons where black pearls are farmed. Experience the islands both ashore and at sea, visiting island communities and discovering the vibrant life below the waves. (B, L, D Daily)

NOV. 29–DEC. 2: AT SEA/SOUTHERN LINE ISLANDS, KIRIBATI

A day at sea brings us to the Southern Line Islands, where you'll snorkel or dive some of the most pristine atolls on Earth. Marine ecologist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala researched these islands as part of the Pristine Seas project, and has identified them as one of the last healthy, undisturbed places in the ocean. See nesting boobies and tropicbirds from your Zodiac or kayak while navigating the lagoon of Caroline Island. (B, L, D Daily)

DEC. 2 AND 3: RANGIROA, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Cross the international date line and gain a day. The slender islands of Rangiroa ring the second-largest lagoon in the world, renowned among divers. Anchor inside the lagoon near Tiputa, where local musicians greet us. Visit the village, and kayak, snorkel, and scuba in the waters here, home to large schools of pelagic fish, manta rays, dolphins, sea turtles, and hammerheads. (B, L, D Daily)

DEC. 4 AND 5: PAPEETE, TAHITI/U.S.

Approach the emerald crags of Tahiti's volcanic peak this morning and disembark in French Polynesia's capital city, Papeete. Check into day rooms and enjoy the day to explore the city's museums, markets, and black pearl shops, or venture out to the surrounding beaches. Later this evening, transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the following day. (B, L)

**ADDITIONAL ITINERARY:
EXPLORING THE CORAL SEA:
PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO FIJI****16 DAYS****NOVEMBER 3–18, 2014**

As the *National Geographic Orion* makes its way from Papua New Guinea to the Solomons, Vanuatu, and Fiji, we'll snorkel and dive pristine reefs and famous wrecks, trace the history of the Battle of the Coral Sea and the legends of the ancient Melanesians, and get to know the exuberant cultures and friendly peoples that make their home here. Visit our website for details.

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Nov. 16–Dec. 5

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$18,990
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 2	\$21,990
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 3	\$25,990
Located on the Upper Deck—suite with window	
Category 4	\$28,460
Located on the Bridge Deck—deluxe suite with window	
Category 5	\$33,870
Located on the Bridge Deck—suite with balcony	
Category 6	\$39,240
Located on the Bridge Deck—owner's suite with balcony	

See *Orion* photos and deck plan on page 60. Prices are per person, double occupancy. For a single cabin, add \$9,500 in Category 1 and \$12,990 in Category 3. Airfare is not included in the expedition cost. Economy airfare from Los Angeles to Nadi, Fiji and return from Papeete, Tahiti is \$2,940. (subject to change).



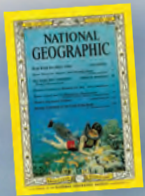
A Polynesian woman.

LEGENDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC: TAHITI TO EASTER ISLAND

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Dive and snorkel the reefs of Fakarava, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the Pitcairn Islands, one of National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Enric Sala's Pristine Seas preservation areas.
- » Trace the legend of the ill-fated H.M.S. *Bounty* from Tahiti to Pitcairn Island, where descendants of its mutineers still live today.
- » Explore the unusual geology and wildlife of Henderson Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and look for some of its endemic bird species.
- » Delve into the intriguing lost culture of Easter Island and examine ancient burial sites and towering moai with an archaeologist.



"Mysterious and totally dark, Easter materialized on the predawn horizon like a purple cloud. All of us on deck stared quietly, thoughtfully, at this tiny seat of venerable culture standing alone and defiant amid a million square miles of empty ocean."

—HOWARD LAFAY, "EASTER ISLAND AND ITS MYSTERIOUS MONUMENTS,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE, JANUARY 1962

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

Chris Rainier, a National Geographic Explorer, is considered one of today's leading documentary photographers specializing in indigenous cultures. Chris was the co-founder of National Geographic's All Roads Photography Program and is a co-director of National Geographic's Enduring Voices Project, which seeks to preserve endangered languages and cultures. He also serves as a contributing editor for *National Geographic Traveler*. Chris currently directs the Last Mile Technology Program, which empowers endangered cultures to save their ancient traditions through modern technology. He has won numerous awards, including the Lowell Thomas Award, given by the Explorers Club for his work documenting little-known cultures. He was recently elected a Fellow at the Royal Geographical Society in London. Chris will join a diverse team of experts on this expedition.



Easter Island, shrouded in mystery and guarded by the famous moai statues.

ITINERARY: 20 DAYS**DEC. 3 AND 4: U.S./PAPEETE, TAHITI, FRENCH POLYNESIA**

Depart for Papeete, arriving in the late evening, and transfer to our hotel, the Intercontinental Tahiti. The next day, take a guided tour of French Polynesia's capital city, including the Musée de Tahiti et des Îles and the Paul Gauguin Museum. Stroll the waterfront before boarding the *National Geographic Orion*. (D)

DEC. 5: BORA BORA, SOCIETY ISLANDS

Jutting out from an aquamarine lagoon ringed with tiny islets, Bora Bora's angular volcanic crags are a spectacular sight. Explore the island's slopes and shores with naturalists by 4x4, on foot, or by bicycle. Don your mask and fins to snorkel or dive amid clownfish, sea turtles, sharks, and manta rays. Choose to hike to the summit of Mount Pahia for unparalleled views. (B, L, D)

DEC. 6–11: TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO/AT SEA

On the uplifted atoll of Makatea, encounter a raw geology of coral and limestone cliffs, deep caves, and landscapes of riddled rock. Wander through early 20th-century phosphate mines, swim in an underground grotto, or go on a bird walk in search of the endemic fruit dove. Then sail to Fakarava, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. After a festive welcome with traditional dancers, learn about the pearl industry and see a 19th-century church built out of coral. Snorkel the reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world-famous drift-dive. On Raroia, meet the local community and hear the tale of the epic voyage of the *Kon-Tiki*—which ended on these reefs. Navigate jewel-like islets during a day at sea on our way to Pukarua, where we'll be greeted with traditional dances. Meet the friendly people of this remote atoll, and learn about their traditional lifestyle. (B, L, D Daily)

DEC. 12 AND 13: MANGAREVA, GAMBIER ISLANDS/AT SEA

Famous for its black pearls, Mangareva is the largest of the Gambier Islands. Snorkel and dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their



A green sea turtle.

home here, and go on a hike with our naturalists. Then relax on board during a day at sea. (B, L, D Daily)

DEC. 14–18: PITCAIRN ISLANDS/AT SEA

Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Visit the gravesite of mutiny leader Fletcher Christian, and see the *Bounty's* anchor, salvaged in 1957. Our next stop is the World Heritage site of Henderson Island. On hikes and Zodiac excursions, discover four endemic bird species and fascinating geology. Spend a day on Ducie Atoll, watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs that are part of National Geographic's Pristine Seas Project. (B, L, D Daily)

DEC. 19–22: EASTER ISLAND/SANTIAGO, CHILE/U.S.

Disembark and check into Hotel Hangarao for two nights. Then set out into a landscape of volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal moai statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation, and visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. After time to explore on our final morning, fly to Santiago to connect to your overnight flight home. (B, L, D; B, L)

**TRIP DETAILS**

DATES: 2014: Dec. 3–22

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$17,930
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 2	\$20,770
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 3	\$24,550
Located on the Upper Deck—suite with window	
Category 4	\$26,870
Located on the Bridge Deck—deluxe suite with window	
Category 5	\$31,990
Located on the Bridge Deck—suite with balcony	
Category 6	\$36,990
Located on the Bridge Deck—owner's suite with balcony	

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Bora Bora, Society Islands

AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST

ABOARD THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Cruise the turquoise waters of the Kimberley coastline and soar over the beehive formations of the Bungle Bungle Range during a scenic flight.
- » Glide up the King George River in a Zodiac and witness the sheer power of King George Falls, twin cascades that tumble some 260 feet at their peak in May and June.
- » Examine some of the oldest rock art in the world at an outdoor Gwion Gwion gallery, and learn about ancient Aboriginal mythology.
- » Explore mangroves, narrow inlets, and reefs by Zodiac, spotting a variety of wildlife such as crocodiles and water birds. Search for humpback whales, which begin to arrive in June and are most abundant in August.



"A boat cruise along the Kimberley coast rewards you with an outstanding scenic, natural, and cultural experience."

—PANELIST FOR "99 COASTAL DESTINATIONS RATED,"
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

EXPEDITION TEAM & EXPERTS

National Geographic photographer **Michael Melford** has produced more than a dozen feature stories for *National Geographic* magazine and more than 30 for *National Geographic Traveler*, including eight covers. He has produced photography for eight books for National Geographic. Michael will join the June 19 and 29, 2014 departures. Please visit our website for National Geographic photographers on other departures.



Guests venture close to King George Falls via Zodiac.

ITINERARY: 14 DAYS

DAYS 1–3: U.S./DARWIN, AUSTRALIA

Depart for Darwin, cross the international date line, and arrive on Day 3. Embark the *National Geographic Orion* this afternoon. (D)

DAYS 4 AND 5: COM, EAST TIMOR/AT SEA

Settle into your cabin and prepare for the Kimberley's amazing photographic opportunities with talks and hands-on instruction by our National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. The ship makes a brief technical stop at Com, before continuing into the heart of the Kimberley. (B, L, D Daily)

DAY 6: THE BUNGLE BUNGLES OR LAKE ARGYLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Spend the day in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Purnululu National Park, home of the breathtaking Bungle Bungle Range, striped sandstone hills shaped like giant beehives. Get a view of this otherworldly cone karst landscape during a flightseeing excursion. Or cruise the Ord River to Lake Argyle, keeping an eye out for crocodiles, wallabies, jabirus, and kookaburras, and learn about the area's pioneers on a visit to the Durack homestead. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: KING GEORGE RIVER

Ride Zodiacs up King George River, weaving between towering canyon walls to King George Falls, where water drains off the plateau in twin cascades, careening down some 260 feet. In the early season, we will linger in the thundering mist. Later in the season, we will get much closer, even under the falls. If you wish, hike to the top of the falls and cool off in a freshwater rock pool. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: VANSITTART BAY

On Jar Island, discover the mystical culture of Kimberley's Aboriginal people at an outdoor gallery of prehistoric Gwion Gwion rock art. The images, known as the "Bradshaw figures" date back nearly 40,000 years. Later, see the remains of a World War II DC-3 that crashed nearby. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: HUNTER RIVER

Against a backdrop of crimson cliffs, navigate the thick mangroves of Hunter River in Zodiacs, on the lookout for crocodiles and numerous bird species. Take an optional

helicopter flight to Mitchell Falls to get a unique perspective on the Kimberley's vast, rugged, and hard-to-reach interior. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: MONTGOMERY ISLAND & RAFT POINT

The Kimberley coast is known for its dramatic tides. We position ourselves on Montgomery Island to watch the tide drop rapidly and miles of reef appear suddenly, as if rising from the sea. Spot cormorants, egrets, sea turtles, and reef sharks as they forage for marine life trapped on the reef. At Raft Point, climb up to a saddle of rock filled with ancient rock art depicting the Wandjina tribes. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: TALBOT BAY

Today, hop in Zodiacs to witness Horizontal falls of Talbot Bay, an extraordinary phenomenon created by the sudden tidal fall, when double waterfalls surge ten or more feet high as landward waters cascade through a narrow gap to the ocean. Later, discover the fascinating geology of an ancient seabed at Cyclone Creek. (B, L, D)

DAY 12: NARES POINT & CROCODILE CREEK

At Nares Point, a long finger of sandstone jutting into the sea, explore by Zodiac and go on beach walks with our naturalists. Take a swim in the natural pools of Crocodile Creek—free of crocodiles despite its name. (B, L, D)

DAYS 13 AND 14: BROOME/U.S.

Disembark in Broome and transfer to the airport for an overnight flight home. (B)

**ADDITIONAL ITINERARY:
AUSTRALIA'S WILD NORTHWEST
AND THE SPICE ISLANDS
17 DAYS**

AUGUST 8–25, 2014

Experience Australia's dramatic Kimberley coast and the tropical isles that edge the Banda and the Flores Seas. Explore natural wonders from the reefs of Rowley Shoals and towering King George Falls to the pink coral beaches of Komodo. Spot crocodiles in Kimberley, look for humpbacks as we pass through breeding areas, and observe the Komodo dragon in the wild. See our website for details.



TRIP DETAILS

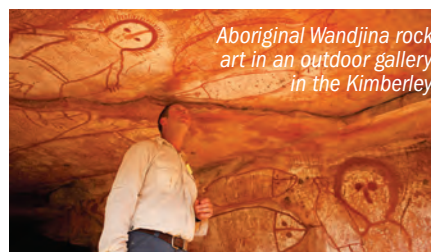
DATES: 2014: May 10–23, May 20–Jun. 2*, May 30–Jun. 12, Jun. 9–22*, Jun. 19–Jul. 2, Jun. 29–Jul. 12*, Jul. 9–22, Jul. 19–Aug. 1*, Jul. 29–Aug. 11

*These departures travel in the reverse direction from Broome to Darwin.

EXPEDITION COST:

Category 1	\$8,210
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 2	\$9,530
Located on Main Deck with large oval windows	
Category 3	\$11,320
Located on the Upper Deck—suite with window	
Category 4	\$12,390
Located on the Bridge Deck—deluxe suite with window	
Category 5	\$14,790
Located on the Bridge Deck—suite with balcony	
Category 6	\$17,190
Located on the Bridge Deck—owner's suite with balcony	

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MORE TRIPS WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION'S INAUGURAL SOUTH PACIFIC VOYAGES

ITINERARIES: 14 DAYS

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

Join National Geographic photographers and guest speakers aboard one of two inaugural South Pacific voyages. On the first voyage, meet an impressive diversity of cultures from the Maori in New Zealand's Bay of Islands to Vanuatu's Espiritu Santo, and delve into their artistic and spiritual traditions. On the second half of the voyage, snorkel and dive the Solomon Islands and the Great Barrier Reef, meet the people of Papua New Guinea, and revisit World War II history.

DATES: MAR. 19–APR. 1, 2014: Cultures of the South Pacific: New Zealand to the Solomons

MAR. 30–APR. 12, 2014: Historic Isles and Undersea Wonders: The Solomons to the Great Barrier Reef

EXPEDITION COSTS: FROM \$13,960



A REMARKABLE JOURNEY TO ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND HAIDA GWAI

ITINERARY: 15 DAYS/ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD* AND THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*

Join a unique expedition to British Columbia and Alaska, that includes a special exploration of Haida Gwaii, formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands. Visit ancestral Haida village sites; and see the ancient totems at

SGang Gwaay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Learn the rich history and meaning of Haida artwork at the Haida Heritage Center at Kay Llnagaay, and take part in a traditional dance performance and feast in the town of Old Massett. We have been granted special permission to visit Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, the National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and the Haida Heritage Site. In Alaska, explore glacially carved fjords, Glacier Bay National Park, and search for humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds.

DATES: 2014: May. 3–17, May 4-18, Sep. 6–20 📷, Sep. 7–21 📷

EXPEDITION COSTS: FROM \$9,990

📷 These departures are Photo Expeditions. Please visit our website for the National Geographic photographers on board.

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SOUTH AMERICA: BUENOS AIRES, RIO, AND BRAZIL'S WILD COAST

ITINERARY: 18 DAYS

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*



Sail from the cultural capital of Salvador, Brazil to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Argentina aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*. Encounter the legacy of European empires in colonial towns that once boomed with the cacao and gold trade. See wildlife as we explore the Atlantic Forest, marine sanctuaries, and the wetlands of southern Brazil. And experience exuberant cultures from Brazil's many styles of music of Brazil to the gauchos of Uruguay.

DATE: 2014: OCT. 10–27

EXPEDITION COSTS: FROM \$15,740

AN ISLAND ODYSSEY: AZORES, MADEIRA, CANARIES & CAPE VERDE

ITINERARY: 15 DAYS | ABOARD THE
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



Explore secluded archipelagos and discover island cultures and ancient lore. Indulge your passion for islands with the Azores, Madeira, and the Canaries. Then voyage to isolated Cape Verde off the coast of West Africa. Travel back in time to a slice of centuries past as we explore the natural and cultural aspects of some of the most remote islands in the world.

DATES: 2014: Sep. 21–Oct. 6

EXPEDITION COSTS: FROM \$13,820

SPECIAL OFFER: Book by Dec. 31, 2013 and receive complimentary international airfare from New York to the Azores and returning from Cape Verde. Or, enjoy a complimentary six-day extended stay on board as we make our ocean crossing to Salvador, Brazil.

SAILING THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS ON THE *SEA CLOUD*

ITINERARY: 8 DAYS |
ABOARD THE *SEA CLOUD*



Set sail aboard the magnificent four-masted barque *Sea Cloud*, and explore the lush islands and vibrant cultures of the Lesser Antilles. Hike the rain forests of Dominica, explore a volcanic crater in Saint Lucia, and glide on a catamaran in the Grenadines. Enjoy opportunities to swim and snorkel at coral reefs and white-sand beaches, and discover the hidden corners of the Caribbean Sea.

DATES: 2015: Feb. 26–Mar. 5, Mar. 5–12

Mar. 12–19

EXPEDITION COSTS: \$7,990

WHALES AND WILDNESS: SPRING IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

ITINERARY: 8 DAYS | ABOARD THE
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD /SEA LION



Whale and dolphin watch from the deck of one of our intimate expedition ships, and at water level from nimble expedition landing craft. Search for pods of dolphins and a variety of whale species. Hike uninhabited beaches and desert arroyos. Observe myriad seabirds. Kayak in pristine waters, snorkel among fish and sea lions, and enjoy the serenity of a sunset beach barbecue. This unique journey is designed with no set itinerary, adding a stimulating sense of adventure to each day.

DATES: 2014: Apr. 12–19, Apr. 14–21

EXPEDITION COSTS: FROM \$5,550

PERU: LAND OF THE INCA

ITINERARY: 8 DAYS

Experience incomparable Machu Picchu and encounter a wealth of ancient Inca temples, Spanish colonial cathedrals, and the charming villages of the Sacred Valley of the Inca. Visit Lima's renowned Larco Herrera Museum, and immerse yourself in the ancient capital of Cusco. Then spend the night among the ruins of Machu Picchu, rediscovered and excavated by Hiram Bingham with funding from National Geographic more than 100 years ago.

DATES: 2014: Expeditions depart every Saturday and Sunday.

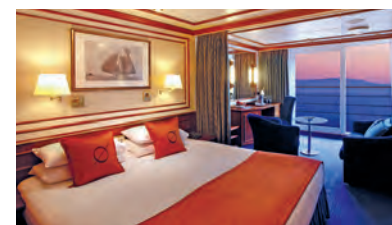
See our website for more details.

EXPEDITION COSTS: FROM \$4,990

Travelers take in a sweeping vista of Machu Picchu, Peru's lost Inca citadel.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION



Photos (from top): Category 5 balcony suite; the spacious lounge; the Jacuzzi is a perfect place to end a day of exploration.

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

National Geographic Orion is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the newest addition to the National Geographic/Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar ice as well as small harbors in the South Pacific.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café and bar, lounge and cocktail bar perfect for briefings and entertainment, restaurant, sun deck, reception desk, state-of-the-art lecture theater, library, global market, marina platform, mud room, and a centrally located elevator. Guests are welcome on the “open bridge” to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Exceptional cuisine features tastes of the regions we visit and special signature menus designed by Sydney’s Serge Dansereau of the The Bathers’ Pavilion restaurant.

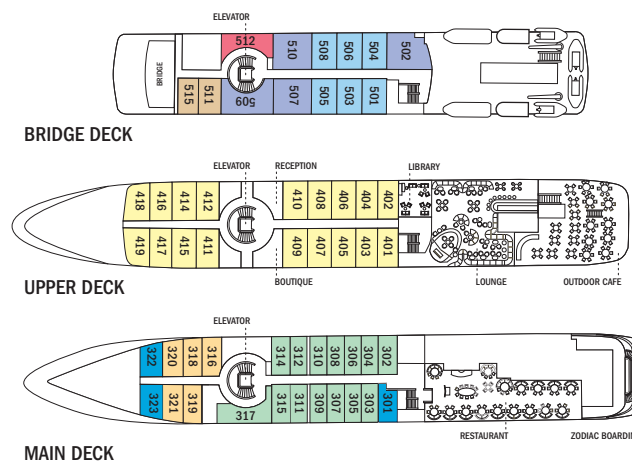
CABINS: All cabins offer windows with ocean views, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Cabins offer Internet access, a flat screen TV and DVD/CD player. Single cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include cabins #301, 322, 323, and 512, and are highlighted in bright pink or bright blue.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, a video microscope, and a crow’s nest camera in the Kimberley. Plus kayaks, snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24

guests, a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), and a glass-bottom boat on voyages where snorkeling and scuba diving are offered.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer, and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists and divemasters on voyages where snorkeling and scuba diving are offered.

WELLNESS: Spa features a unisex dry sauna, gymnasium with LifeFitness equipment, and massage/spa treatment rooms. A Jacuzzi is available on the Observation Deck, which doubles as a plunge pool in warmer temperatures.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



Photos (from top): The National Geographic Explorer; Chart room; an Upper Deck cabin with balcony; the fitness center offers panoramic views.

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 367 feet.

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship, and the flagship of the National Geographic/Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice 1A rating on the forward hull, enabling it to navigate polar environments while providing exceptional comfort. It carries 36 double kayaks and a fleet of 13 Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated undersea video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: bistro bar, chart room, restaurant, gift shop, library, and lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slide shows and presentations, mud room with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

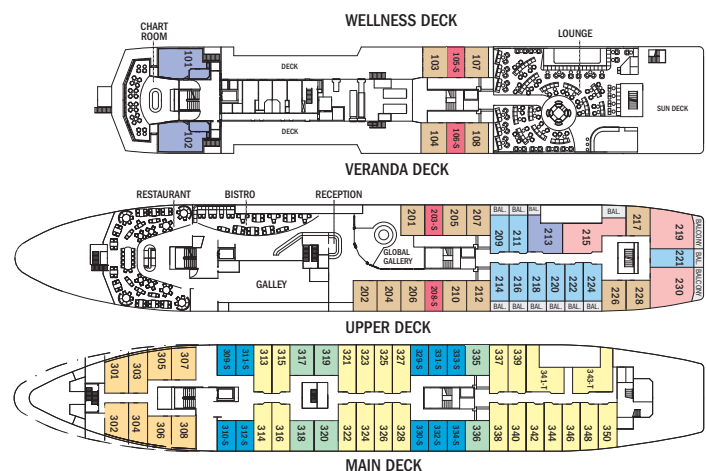
MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Single cabins in Category 2 include cabin numbers 309–312 and 329–334 and are highlighted in bright blue. Single cabins in Category 3 include cabin numbers 105, 106, 203 and 208 and are highlighted in bright pink.

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

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, photo specialist and video chronicler, National Geographic photographer, Internet café, and laundry.

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



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD AND 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; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and spa. 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 lunch is often served family style. Menu emphasizes regional fare.

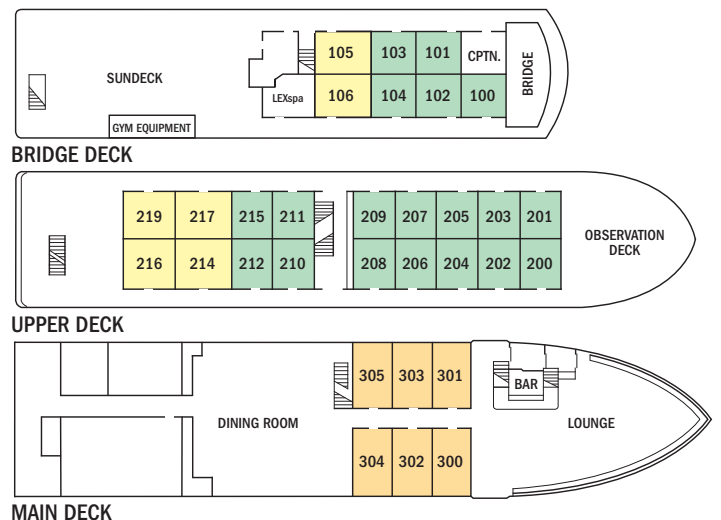
CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities, and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, SplashCam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits in Baja, and expedition landing crafts.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A certified photo instructor and video chronicler on board all voyages. A ship’s doctor is on board in Baja and Costa Rica/Panama. An undersea specialist is on board in Baja and Alaska.

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

Photos (from top): The National Geographic Sea Lion; cocktail hour recaps are informative and always social; we carry a fleet of kayaks on board; the sun deck is a great place for a morning stretch with our wellness specialist.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR



CAPACITY: 96 guests in 56 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 295 feet.

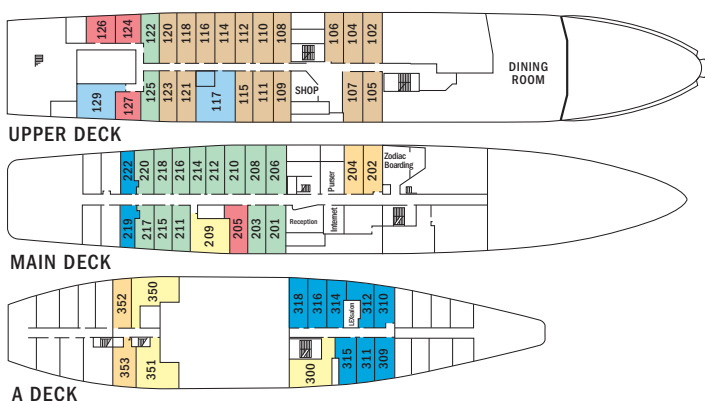
PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness center; spa; gift shop; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; sauna and small swimming pool; and sun deck. Our Ecuadorian captain and officers welcome guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

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

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes. Each has private facilities and climate controls. Single cabins in Category 1 include cabin numbers 219, 222, 309–312, 314–316, and 318 and are highlighted in bright blue. Single cabins in Category 2 include cabin numbers 124, 126, 127, and 205 and are highlighted in bright pink.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Kayaks, glass-bottom boat, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, and Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access, laundry service, floating massage platform, and wellness program. A certified photo instructor, ship's doctor, and video chronicler are also on board.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISLANDER



CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; doctor's office; fitness center; gift shop; spa; library; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; and sky deck. Our Ecuadorian captain and officers welcome guests to the bridge in accordance with our "open bridge" policy.

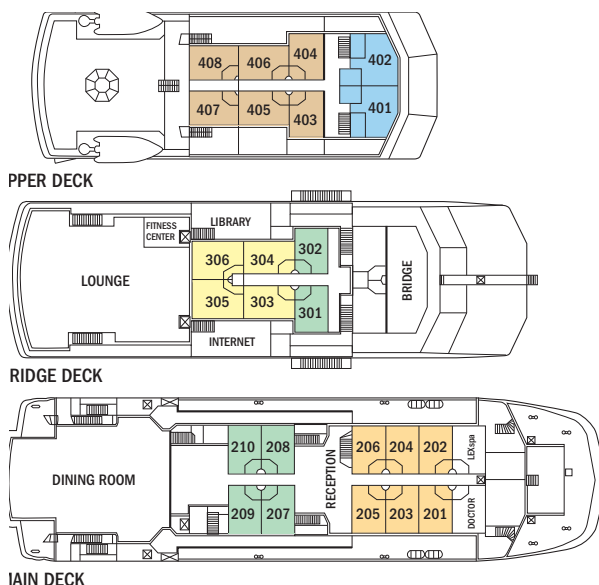
MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, meals are informal for easy mingling. Menu is international with an Ecuadorian flair.

CABINS: All cabins have a window with an outside view, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Kayaks, snorkeling gear, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits, Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access and laundry service. A ship's doctor and video chronicler are also on board.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment and outdoor stretching area. A certified photo instructor, ship's doctor, and video chronicler are also on board.



SEA CLOUD



CAPACITY: 58 guests in 30 cabins including two Owner's Suites.

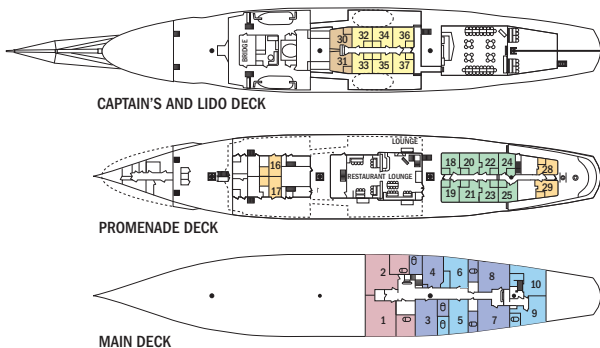
REGISTRY: Malta. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 360 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: The *Sea Cloud* was commissioned in 1931 by Wall Street businessman E.F. Hutton for his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post. Public areas are incomparably furnished and immensely comfortable. The covered lido bar is a superb place to congregate and enjoy the outdoors. The open-air "Blue Lagoon" is a wonderful place to relax. The sumptuous lounge is a superb gathering point. Guests are welcome on the "open bridge" to learn how the *Sea Cloud* is navigated and sailed.

MEALS: Served in a single seating, exceptional cuisine features tastes of the regions we visit along with Continental fare. Fine house wines are included with lunch and dinner.

CABINS: Décor is in keeping with the ship's storied traditions, and cabins have antique and period-style furniture. The main deck has the ship's original cabins, including the Owner's Suites originally occupied by E.F. Hutton and Marjorie Merriweather Post. Cabins on the promenade and captain's decks have antique furnishings. There is a tasteful elegance throughout the ship. All cabins have private facilities, individual climate controls, and a hair dryer.

SPECIAL FEATURES: There is no ship afloat that can compare to *Sea Cloud* for grace, fine service, and the sheer joy of sailing. Sails are raised by hand by a spirited crew. The ship carries 30 sails measuring a total of 32,000 square feet, and guests have the chance to learn about their design, deployment and function during the course of the voyage. Although the ship is elegant, she is also friendly and informal. Dress aboard ship is relaxed and casual. A certified photo instructor will be on board all departures.



JAHAN



CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

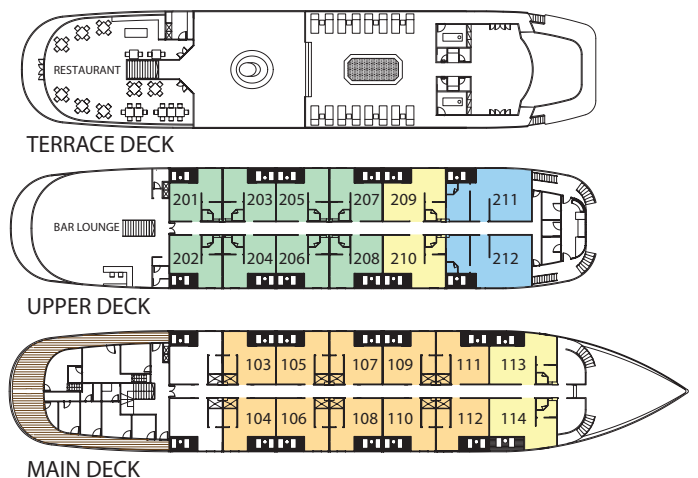
REGISTRY: Vietnam. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 230 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: The ship is fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the pool deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a Jacuzzi, and a bar. The lounge has a library, and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations. Guests are welcome on the "open bridge" to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables. The menu is international, with a focus on the outstanding Vietnamese and Cambodian cuisines.

CABINS: All face outside with glass doors and private balconies. There is a mix of twin-bed and queen-size bed cabins. Each has private facilities and hair dryer, individual climate control, music entertainment system, and a mini bar.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Spa, with choice of massage treatments, gymnasium with exercise equipment, boutique with selection of local artwork; morning Tai Chi classes. DVD and iPod® players are available on request. A certified photo instructor will be on board all departures.



LORD OF THE GLENS



CAPACITY: 48 guests in 26 outside cabins.

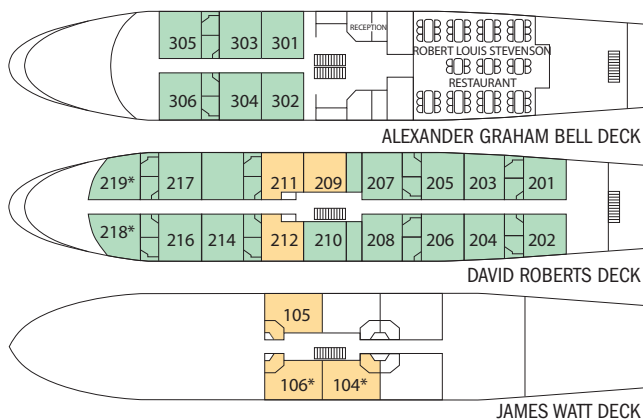
REGISTRY: Great Britain. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 150 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: With exterior teak decks, hardwood finished interiors and fine fabrics, the *Lord of the Glens* offers a stylish and relaxing ambience. The two lounges and two open-air viewing areas are social hubs aboard ship. There is a bar and space to read books from the well-stocked library.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables, meals focus on healthy cuisine, including fresh Scottish poultry, salmon, trout, and other options.

CABINS: All cabins have outside views. Facilities include a private bathroom with shower, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, satellite television, music system, hair dryer, telephone, safety deposit box, bathrobes, and toiletries.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Bicycles are on board and a kayaking excursion is offered at Loch Ness. There is complimentary Internet access at a computer in the reception area. *Lord of the Glens* is the only ship of its kind able both to navigate the locks of the Caledonian Canal and sail among the islands of the Inner Hebrides. A certified photo instructor will be on board all departures.



DELFIN II



CAPACITY: 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

REGISTRY: Peru. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 120 feet.

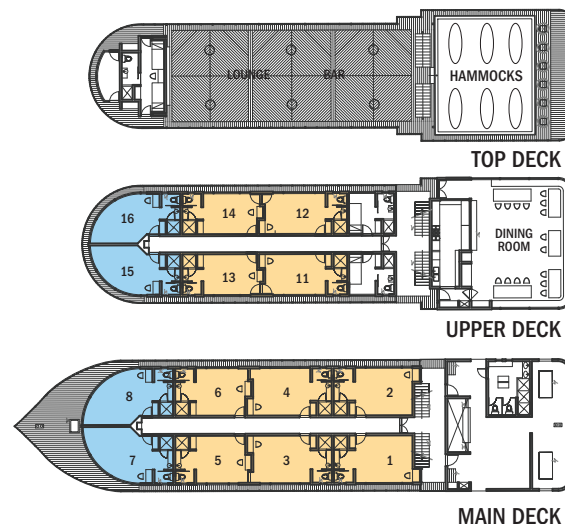
PUBLIC AREAS: The comfortable top deck invites you to linger, unwind, or enjoy drinks at the bar. The natural history staff will give their presentations here. There is a small reference library and the bridge, where you are welcome to meet the captain and officers.

MEALS: Meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables; large windows provide panoramic views. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

SUITES: Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the main and upper decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: 10-person skiffs with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of comfortable, safe kayaks. Onboard rain ponchos and rubber boots are distributed if needed.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guests may swim directly from the skiffs using the convenient swim ladder, weather permitting. A certified photo instructor will be on board all departures.



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	10	8	Sea Bird				17,24,31	7,14,21,28	5,12,19,26	2,9,16,23,30								
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	20	10	Islander	15,22	1,8,15,22,29	5,12,19,26	3,10,17,24,31	7,14,21,28	5,12,19,26	2,9,16,23,30		4,11,18,25	1,8,15,22,29	6,13,20,27				
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South Georgia and the Falkland Islands	45	19	Explorer		7													
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