

An arctic tern is shown in flight against a clear blue sky. The bird has white plumage, a black cap, and a long, thin tail. Its wings are spread wide, and it is gliding towards the right.

THE 2012/13 SEASON

Sterna paradisaea, the arctic tern.
National Geographic Explorer,
the world's ultimate expedition ship.

The arctic tern goes from Arctic summer to Antarctic summer, able to sleep and eat while gliding. **Aboard Explorer, we do the same as we make for new discoveries.** Scientists tracking the terns have learned they fly thousands of miles out of their way to take advantage of the best weather and get the best food. **Join us on Explorer and you show a similar inclination: to take advantage of the bounty the planet bestows on those who are curious, adventurous and want the finest fare nature and civilization can offer.** Over the course of their lives, often 30 years or more, arctic terns migrate about 1.5 million miles: equal to three trips to the moon and back.

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**A Lindblad-National Geographic expedition —
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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.



EXPLORER EXPEDITION CALENDAR

Date	Voyage	Days
CAPE TO CAPE		
Mar. 5, 2012	Cape to Cape: South Georgia to South Africa	23
WEST AFRICA		
Mar. 23	West Africa	37
BRITISH & IRISH ISLES		
May 15	British & Irish Isles	14
ARCTIC		
May 27	Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard	16
Jun. 8	Ice Bears	11
Jun. 15	Ice Bears	11
Jun. 22	Ice Bears	11
Jun. 29	Ice Bears	11
Jul. 6	Ice Bears	11
Aug. 13	Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard	16
BALTICS		
Aug. 29	Baltics	16
Sep. 6	Baltics	16
EUROPE		
Sep. 20	European Odyssey	17
SOUTH GEORGIA		
Oct. 19	South Georgia & the Falklands	24
ANTARCTICA		
Nov. 7	Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands	24
Dec. 7	Antarctica	14
Dec. 17	Antarctica	14
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ANTARCTICA		
Jan. 6, 2013	Antarctica	14
Jan. 16	Antarctica	14
Jan. 26	Antarctica	14
Feb. 5	Antarctica	14
Feb. 15	Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands	24

Dear Traveler,

Are you among those who've traveled with us aboard *National Geographic Explorer*? Or have you yet to experience the world's ultimate expedition ship?

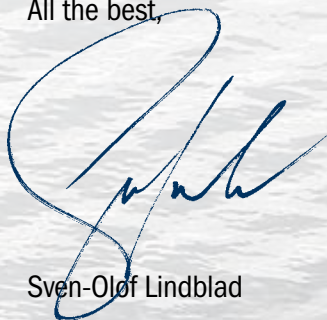
In either case, I think you'll find this season's roster of voyages incredibly interesting. Many of the expeditions slated for 2012 are part of *Explorer*'s "annual migration" (an idea that inspired the arctic tern comparison you'll find on the front cover.)

National Geographic Explorer, her Captains, crew and expedition teams bookend each season in the polar regions, arriving in both the **Arctic and Antarctica** just in time for polar spring. She enters **Europe** like a queen: through the front door. She plies the sea shared by nine countries, and her expedition team highlights the **Baltics** in all their rich historicity and diversity. She illuminates the Celtic light and Viking vestiges of the **British and Irish Isles**, revealing all their fascinating facets. Wherever she is headed, *Explorer* travels with a complement of relevant and interesting Global Luminaries, and National Geographic Photographers to help you capture your experience in photos. Her public and private spaces, plus her on-board equipment guarantee you both comfort and the thrill of discovery.

And as she maneuvers into position for her year-long, highly narrative voyage season, *Explorer* creates opportunities for unique, even unprecedented adventures.

In the 2012 season we present three spectacular new itineraries: **Exploring Africa's West Coast: An Odyssey from South Africa to Morocco; Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope; and Mission Spectacular: South Georgia, the Falklands, Peninsula Valdés and Buenos Aires**. If you're intrigued by in-depth, immersive and exhilarating travel, I encourage you to read all about these unique voyages. I think you'll agree that many chances for meaning and magic lie ahead for you in 2012. We look forward to sharing the season with you.

All the best,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

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VIA SOUTH GEORGIA, THE FALKLANDS & TRISTAN DA CUNHA



Guests have exceptional views of the volcanic shoreline on Tristan da Cunha.



TO CAPE TOWN

CAPE TO CAPE

For many of us in grade-school geography, the most interesting points on the globe were the two Capes: Horn and Good Hope. In later years, in history classes, the stories involving them only added to their allure. This is the rare voyage that — with epic bravura — links them, and reveals the glories lying between. So compelling was this itinerary to Simon Winchester, author of the first ever “biography” of the Atlantic Ocean (see page 7), that he decided to join us. Be there as an enchanting storyteller tells of a glorious ocean, and his unique experiences in its remotest corners.

To me as an oceanographer, the voyage from Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope provides the rare opportunity to traverse some of the most interesting features of the global ocean — as we sail in and out of some of the most biologically productive waters on the planet and cross the Antarctic Convergence in both directions. Convergences are places where different ocean water masses come together and where we expect to see large concentrations of feeding fish, mammals and birds.

Sailing from the Falklands to South Georgia we go from the South Atlantic into the Scotia Sea where the annual krill schools are estimated to be as much as five times the human biomass of the Earth. This rich food source supports an immense number of whales and dolphins, fur seals and seabirds. Unlike the Drake Passage, where the convergence is compressed, north of South Georgia the boundary is wider and more interesting as it meanders across the South Atlantic. Sailing north to Tristan da Cunha, and then back to Cape Town we will cross the Sub-Tropical Convergence where the warm waters of the South Atlantic Sub-Tropical Gyre meet the much colder and much richer waters moving north from the Southern Ocean. This gives us a textbook example — in an eye-witness context — of how oceanic water masses mix and interact, in the best place to observe: the margins of the Southern Ocean. On the South African coast we’ll encounter the Agulhas Current, bringing Indian Ocean water into the Atlantic, which has recently become the focus of intensive study to help us understand how the different oceans on the planet interact and drive global climate. All in all, the itinerary for this expedition is extremely exciting, one that few people are fortunate enough to experience these days.

— Jim Kelley, Oceanographer

Expedition Team

LISA TROTTER, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | DAVID BARNES, HISTORIAN | DAVID COTHRAN, NATURALIST
STEPHANIE MARTIN, NATURALIST | JIM KELLEY, NATURALIST | CHARLES EDWARD SHAW, NATURALIST



TIM SOPER, EXPEDITION LEADER

Tim Soper was raised on the Devon coast of Southwest England. Constantly in and around boats, he developed a passion for the sea and now spends most of his time on the water. He earned a degree in Ocean Sciences from the University of Wales and in 1994 the opportunity to cruise the Indo-Pacific led Tim into the world of expedition travel where he has since worked year round as expedition staff, leader or divemaster. Voyages have taken him to every continent and across every ocean, including high-latitude exploration of both the Arctic and Antarctic.



JIM KELLEY

A native of California, Dr. Jim Kelley has been going to sea for most of his life. Former President of the California Academy of Sciences, since 1975 he has been Dean of the College of Science and Engineering and Professor of Oceanography at San Francisco State University. In 1985, Jim began traveling the globe with Lindblad Expeditions as a Naturalist and Expedition Leader. He is interested in the geology, oceanography and meteorology of the places we visit, as well as their human history and history of exploration.

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National Geographic Photographers



SISSE BRIMBERG AND COTTON COULSON

Photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson, based in Denmark, are contributing editors for *National Geographic Traveler* magazine. Collectively they have photographed more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler* during the past 32 years. They have spent most of their careers working in Europe, shooting stories from the Arctic and Scandinavia to Italy and France. Sisse and Cotton live in Copenhagen with their two children.



King penguins, South Georgia.



Global Luminary

SIMON WINCHESTER

Best-selling author, journalist and broadcaster, Simon Winchester has worked as a foreign correspondent for most of his career and lectures widely at universities, geological and historical societies. His current book is titled *Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories*. Reserve your place aboard and we'll send you a complimentary copy of your own. In all, Winchester has authored 21 books, including the best-sellers *The Man Who Loved China*; *The Professor and the Madman*; *A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906*; and *The Map that Changed the World*. With a degree in geology, Winchester worked as a geologist in Western Uganda before turning to journalism. His work, mainly for *The Guardian* and *The Sunday Times*, took him around the globe. Now principally an author, he also contributes to magazines, including *National Geographic* and *The Atlantic*. His awards include Britain's Journalist of the Year, and he is praised for his skills as a masterful and riveting storyteller both on the page and at the lectern.



"It has to be remembered that until Amerigo Vespucci, there was no knowledge — nor even a suspicion or a hint — that the Atlantic was a separate sea. Culturally, this was an ocean that until the end of the fifteenth century was not known to exist. Then, and at a stroke, with Vespucci's voyage, the Atlantic Ocean was born: suddenly it was there."

—The Atlantic, Simon Winchester

Skills@Sea

An Adventure Learning program that lets you take advantage of your voyage time and the attention of expert mentors to learn new skills.

- ✓ Learn to better express the world as you see it through words with *National Geographic Traveler* Contributing Editor Andrew Evans and capture the essence of all the places you'll explore
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- ✓ Tonic of Wellness: Voyage-adapted stretching & toning
- ✓ Undersea Sessions, with ROV and underwater video presentations by *Explorer's* Undersea Specialist, Lisa Trotter
- ✓ Additional lectures and presentations by our staff Naturalists and Historians throughout the voyage





CAPE HORN TO THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE: VIA SOUTH GEORGIA, THE FALKLANDS & TRISTAN DA CUNHA TO CAPE TOWN

23 DAYS/20 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURE: 2012 Mar. 5

PRICES FROM: \$11,690 to \$20,790 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)

BOOK BY OCT. 31 to receive a complimentary 2-day stay in Cape Town, plus receive complimentary airfare. (Airfare based on economy group flights Miami/Buenos Aires, Cape Town/NY and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that group flights are not available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue an air credit.) Valid for new bookings only; not combinable with other offers. Call for details.



Photographers take aim as a wandering albatross prepares for take-off, South Georgia.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPLORE TRISTAN DA CUNHA, THE WORLD'S MOST REMOTE INHABITED ISLAND.
- ▶ SEE A VAST COLONY OF 300,000 KING PENGUINS ON SOUTH GEORGIA.
- ▶ EXPERIENCE THE GREAT SEASIDE CITY OF CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

Extraordinary and unusual, an expedition from Cape to Cape has been the challenge and dream of many explorers and sailors. Colorful milestones line our route from Cape Horn at the tip of South America to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa — where we spend two days in lively Cape Town, one of the great seaside cities of the world, celebrated for its landmark flat-topped Table Mountain.

Accessible only by sea, no place can compete with South Georgia

when it comes to its abundance of wildlife: gentoo, macaroni, king and chinstrap penguins. People stop dead in their tracks when they see their first king penguin colony — hundreds of thousands on a single beach. Plus soaring seabirds and frolicking fur seal pups and nesting wandering albatross with its 11-foot wingspan. Add the green tussock grass-covered landscapes of the Falklands, teeming with rockhopper and Magellanic penguins and black-browed albatross and you have one



Fur seal.





of the greatest wildlife spectacles on the planet.

“Welcome to the Remotest Island” reads the sign on Tristan da Cunha, in many ways as rare a trophy as a photo from the summit of Everest. A far-flung outpost of Britain, it holds the record for the most remote inhabited archipelago on Earth: population 300 (only eight surnames exist here), with lobster fishing as the main industry. Fiercely proud, the islanders were evacuated to England in 1961, due to a volcanic eruption — with most voting to return to Tristan. And it’s spectacular, quite mountainous with a subtropical climate. Tristan is primarily known for its wildlife, including rare northern rockhopper penguins and Atlantic yellow-nosed albatross. And we’ll also explore nearby Inaccessible Island, a World Heritage Site, and Nightingale, both uninhabited wildlife havens with inspiring scenery.

There’s no question that there are incredible photo ops. Along with our all-star expedition team, you’ll travel with a National Geographic Photographer for in-the-field tips. On days at sea you’ll hear talks from our staff and special guest Simon Winchester, best-selling author of



Atlantic: Great Sea Battles, Heroic Discoveries, Titanic Storms and a Vast Ocean of a Million Stories. And all along the way, our ace wildlife spotters will be on deck — and our Zodiacs, kayaks and an Undersea Specialist help us understand these remote lands.

ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

MAR. 5: Depart U.S./Buenos Aires, Argentina

MAR. 6: Buenos Aires/Overnight Caesar Park Hotel (L,D)

MAR. 7: Fly to Ushuaia, Argentina/ Embark Ship (B,L,D)

MAR. 8: At Sea (B,L,D)

MAR. 9: Falkland Islands (B,L,D)

MAR. 10-11: At Sea (B,L,D)

MAR. 12-14: South Georgia (B,L,D)

MAR. 15-18: At Sea (B,L,D)

MAR. 19-20: Tristan da Cunha/ Nightingale & Inaccessible Islands (B,L,D)

MAR. 21-24: At Sea (B,L,D)

MAR. 25: Disembark Cape Town, South Africa/Table Bay Hotel (B,L)

MAR. 26-27: Cape Town/Fly Overnight to U.S./Home (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

» Iguazú Falls, Pre-voyage

3 Days. See page 62 for details.

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Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa.



FROM CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA TO MARRAKESH, MOROCCO



This smiling woman is from Senegal.

WEST AFRICA

Imagine: seventeen new stamps in your passport, and each one a symbol of a complex set of associations, feelings, sights, sounds and experiences that will reward you in memory for a lifetime. In addition to the thrill of the destination, there are other pleasures to be had on this voyage: For those who know and love Tom Ritchie, it's an opportunity to join him and Captain Leif Skog, veterans of our 1984 voyage, plus others on the team, as eager as you to score this "first."

West Africa is an astonishing kaleidoscope of vibrant cultures, adapting in their own ways to modern times and developing nationhood. Although languages, beliefs, dress and ways of life change from place to place, abiding warmth, hospitality and *joie de vivre* are constants. We'll visit small villages to meet with local chiefs and residents in an easy, spontaneous way. We'll visit a renowned music club in Dakar (definite bragging rights here!). In Cameroon, we'll be paddled in *pirogues* (dugout canoes) up a sparsely inhabited river to meet a "pygmy" group that still lives in traditional ways. We'll see colorful markets that also serve as social hubs — and leave with a deep understanding and appreciation of a really wonderful part of the world.

— Ralph Hammelbacher, VP Expedition Development

An old man in Benin once told me that Europeans go to church and speak about God, whereas in Africa men and women dance in the temple and become God. Indeed people throughout Benin and Togo move in and out of their spiritual realm with an ease and impunity that astonishes the ethnographic observer. This is the essence of West African religious practice. Spirit possession, which is not some sign of psychic disturbance but is rather for the African the hand of divine grace.

— Wade Davis, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence

Expedition Team

DENNIS CORNEJO, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | JACK & RIKKI SWENSON, LINDBLAD PHOTO INSTRUCTORS
DAVID BARNES, HISTORIAN | SHAWN DAVIS, NATURALIST | DAVID COTHRAN, NATURALIST | RICHARD WHITE,
NATURALIST | TOM RITCHIE, NATURALIST | JIM KELLEY, NATURALIST | ERIC GUTH, NATURALIST



LISA TROTTER, EXPEDITION LEADER

In 2000 Lisa Trotter began working aboard Lindblad vessels and now spends nine months a year traveling the globe from pole to pole and places in between from the remote islands of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge to Europe, as well as South America and the Azores. As Expedition Leader on the West Africa expedition, Lisa will manage logistics deftly; you'll be off the ship and exploring often. Lisa is also a dedicated undersea diver and probably the first person to ever learn to dive in Antarctic waters. Ask her about her first open water dive made off Cape Horn.



TOM RITCHIE

Tom Ritchie is a professional Naturalist and Expedition Leader who has worked with expedition cruising almost since its inception by Lars Lindblad. He has led voyages to the far reaches of the globe and has traveled extensively throughout West Africa. Always inspirational, travel fuels his passion for history, archaeology and culture. Growing up near the Everglades, Tom completed his graduate studies at the University of Florida in vertebrate paleontology, anthropology and geology. As a paleontologist, he spent time in South Africa researching the early Triassic period.

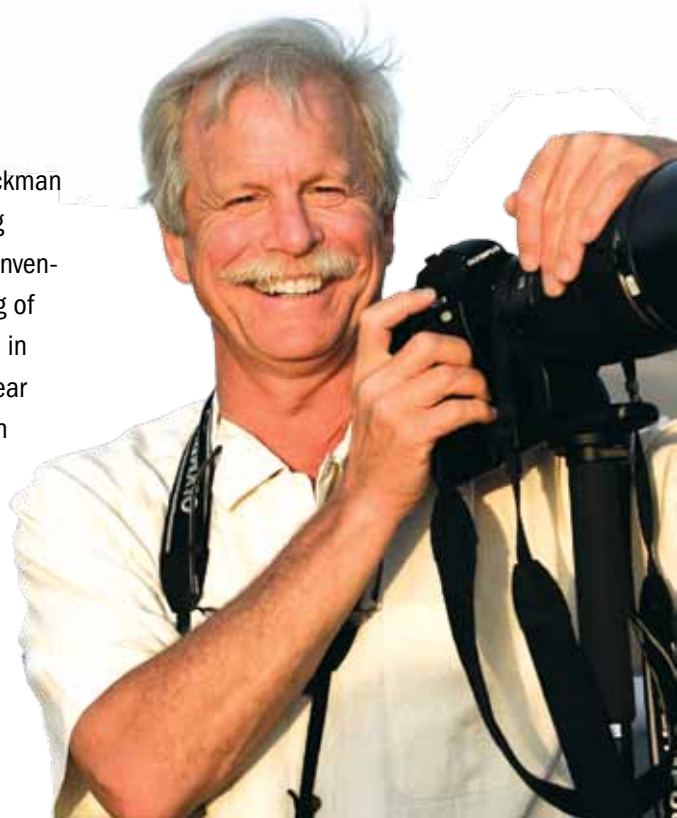
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National Geographic Photographer



JAY DICKMAN

Pulitzer Prize-winning National Geographic photographer Jay Dickman has worked in photojournalism for over 30 years, photographing events as diverse as the war in El Salvador, national political conventions, six Super Bowls, and the 40th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. He's spent three months living in a stone-age village in Papua New Guinea, spent a week under the Arctic ice in a nuclear attack sub (both of these for National Geographic), and sunk on a boat on the Amazon. He has published five books as well as numerous magazine articles.





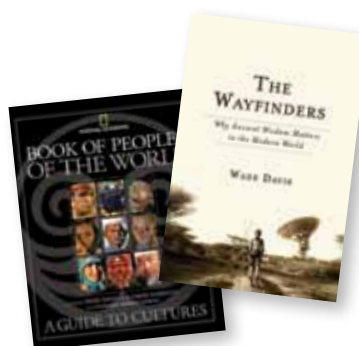
"One of the intense pleasures of travel is the opportunity to live among peoples who have not forgotten the old ways, who feel their past in the wind, touch it in stones polished by rain, taste it in the bitter leaves of plants."

— Wade Davis

Global Luminaries

WADE DAVIS

Anthropologist and Ethnobotanist Wade Davis is a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and an honorary member of The Explorers Club. He has been described as "a rare combination of scientist, scholar, poet, and passionate defender of all of life's diversity." Wade has written 12 books, including *Book of Peoples of the World*, *Light at the Edge of the World*, *The Wayfinders* and *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, an international best-seller that appeared in ten languages and was later released as a motion picture. He spearheaded National Geographic's Cultures on the Edge program, highlighting vanishing cultures around the world, and his numerous film credits include the award-winning National Geographic Channel series *Light at the Edge of the World*. He will join the first leg of our voyage.



MARTIN MEREDITH

Martin Meredith is a Journalist, Biographer and Historian who has covered many aspects of current African Affairs. He has spent much of his life writing about Africa: first as a foreign correspondent for the *London Observer* and *Sunday Times*, then as a research fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford, and now as an independent author and commentator. He is the

author of *Nelson Mandela: A Biography*, as well as *Diamonds, Gold and War*, *The Fate of Africa: A History of Fifty Years of Independence*, *In the Name of Apartheid: South Africa's New Era*, and *The First Dance of Freedom*, among many others. Martin will join the second half of our voyage.





EXPLORING AFRICA'S WEST COAST: AN ODYSSEY FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO MOROCCO

37 DAYS/35 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURE: 2012 March 23. Please ask for 2013 departure date and rates.

PRICES FROM: \$28,480 to \$51,980 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



Traditional batik artwork.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ DEEPLY CULTURAL & STEEPED IN NATURE, THIS EPIC VOYAGE EXPLORES 17 DISTINCT & WELCOMING COUNTRIES.
- ▶ DISCOVER TRANQUIL VILLAGES & VIBRANT CULTURES, EACH WITH ITS OWN MUSIC, ART & CUSTOMS.
- ▶ MEET LOCAL RESIDENTS & CULTURAL EXPERTS FOR AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE.

West Africa's many facets combine to make a whole even greater than the sum of its myriad parts. There is incredible diversity here, along with a richness of culture, both traditional and modern, that is inspiring. There is much wildlife, and a great sweep of geography, from the maritime climate of South Africa; the deserts of Namibia; the tropics and savannas of much of the coast (with some volcanic landscapes added to the mix); and finally the desert of

Western Sahara and the vibrant city of Marrakech, Morocco.

National Geographic Explorer will embark on an epic voyage exploring seventeen countries. And we plan to make it extraordinary. There'll be abundant opportunities to see and learn about all that makes these destinations important, to discover their nature and history, and to have warm interactions with people who live and work here. We'll see how they are working to develop their countries,

and meet with some of those who are helping in that effort.

You'll have a dazzling array of sights and experiences. Explore several national parks and wildlife centers. Take local boats on Lake Nokoué to the charming stilt village of Ganvié. Meet with a chief in his native village. Visit Gorée Island, a World Heritage Site that was a key hub for the slave trade. Paddle in *pirogues* up the Lobé River to visit a tiny encampment of Bagyeli "pygmy" people and much more.

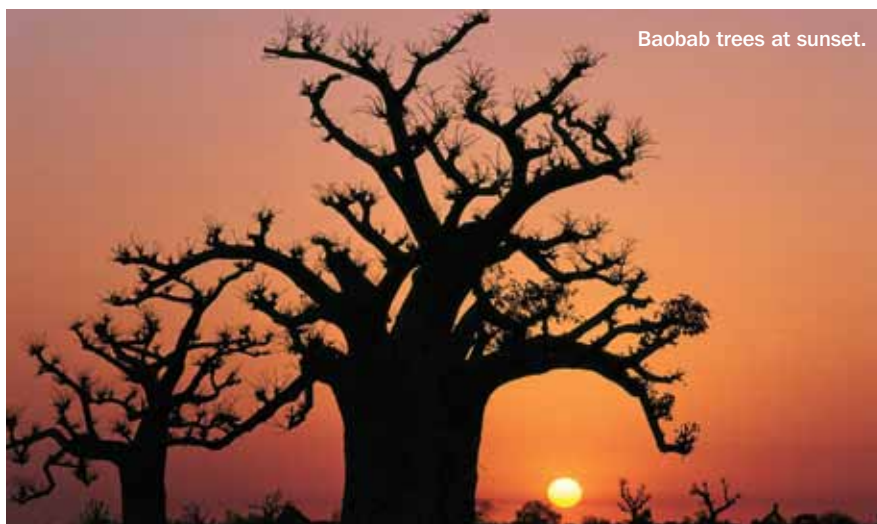


ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

MAR. 23: U.S./Fly overnight to Cape Town, South Africa
 MAR. 24: Cape Town/Hotel (D)
 MAR. 25: Cape Town/Embark (B,L,D)
 MAR. 26: At Sea (B,L,D)
 MAR. 27: Lüderitz, Namibia (B,L,D)
 MAR. 28 & 29: Walvis Bay & Swakopmund (B,L,D)
 MAR. 30 & 31: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 1: Lobito & Benguela, Angola (B,L,D)
 APR. 2: Luanda (B,L,D)
 APR. 3: Pointe Noire, Congo (B,L,D)
 APR. 4: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 5: Libreville, Gabon (B,L,D)
 APR. 6: São Tomé, Sao Tome & Príncipe (B,L,D)
 APR. 7: Príncipe (B,L,D)
 APR. 8: Kribi, Cameroon (B,L,D)
 APR. 9: Limbé (B,L,D)
 APR. 10: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 11: Cotonou, Benin (B,L,D)
 APR. 12: Lomé, Togo (B,L,D)
 APR. 13: Accra, Ghana (B,L,D)
 APR. 14: Cape Coast, Ghana (B,L,D)
 APR. 15 & 16: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 17: Monrovia, Liberia (B,L,D)
 APR. 18: Freetown, Sierra Leone (B,L,D)
 APR. 19: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 20: Banjul, The Gambia (B,L,D)
 APR. 21: Dakar (B,L,D)
 APR. 22 & 23: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 24: Dakhla, Western Sahara (B,L,D)
 APR. 25: El Hierro, Canary Islands (B,L,D)
 APR. 26: At Sea (B,L,D)
 APR. 27: Disembark Agadir/Marrakech, Morocco/Hotel (B,L,D)
 APR. 28: Marrakech/Home (B)

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE:

» Ask about an extended stay in Cape Town, or at a game reserve.



Baobab trees at sunset.





National Geographic Explorer in lovely Dartmouth on the Devon coast.



BRITISH & IRISH ISLES

In synch with the rhythms of history, we explore from the perfect vantage: by sea. *Explorer* follows a maritime thread through the Isles, exploring wild and beautiful places where Celtic and Viking influences still thrive in local languages and customs. Everywhere there are surprises: the tropical gardens in the otherwise “English-y” Isles of Scilly. The stunning geology of Fingal’s Cave on Staffa. The cloistered quiet of Iona Abbey. The dramatic 5,000-year-old dwellings at Skara Brae. And the spectacular scenery we encounter as we explore up-close.

I am of Ireland. My roots are deeply embedded here. My ancestors helped to weave its rich cultural tapestry. I have a *grá* as we say in the Irish language, a great love for this place. What makes this voyage around the British and Irish Isles so exciting for me are the remote places we visit and the opportunity to showcase them to fellow travelers. Indelible cultural signatures can be read everywhere. Ancient prehistoric structures and abandoned island villages resonate with narratives of past community. The remnants of past human activity are drawn on the physical canvas of mountain, lowland and shore. These places engage and captivate. Every turn presents something to ponder, a thread binding the present to the past.

Most remarkable are the living, vibrant communities we’ll visit, each with its own distinctive expressions of cultural identity in the form of costume, music, song and dance, the culmination of countless generations of varied origins who eked out a living along the western seaboard of insular Europe. Peoples have been here since the end of the last Ice Age.

All of this cultural and built human heritage is set in a mosaic of natural landscapes. Mountain and sea vistas are breathtaking. Plant and bird life abound. The Aran Islands have been described as a veritable rock garden, such is the richness of its flowering plants. Sea bird colonies are amongst the richest in Western Europe, their cliff and island homes pulsate with life.

In all, it is the sense of continuity of human presence, richness of heritage, scale of landscape and resonance of community that draws me back time and time again to these timeless places. *Go neirí an botháir libh!* (‘Safe travels to you all’ in Irish.)

— Vinnie Butler, Expedition Historian

Expedition Team

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VINCENT BUTLER, HISTORIAN

Vincent is a professional archaeologist and lecturer who received his BA in geography and archaeology and MA in environmental archaeology from University College, Dublin. Working closely with the National Museum of Ireland, Vincent is presently involved in research on medieval environmental samples recovered during excavations in Dublin. He also teaches and has lectured widely on cultural, geographical, and archaeological subjects.



MIKE GREENFELDER

Since 1999, Mike has been working, traveling and chasing his three loves: marine critters, photography and birds. Before joining Lindblad, he worked in the Fiji Islands, the Amazon of Peru and Ecuador, the Pribilofs of Alaska, the cloud forest of Costa Rica, and the kelp forests of Victoria, Australia. Mike is now a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor equipped with the insight and skills necessary to help you better capture the moments at the heart of your expedition.

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National Geographic Photographer



JIM RICHARDSON

Jim Richardson has produced more than 40 stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines, where he is a contributing editor. Jim spent two years photographing the Celtic realm for the March 2006 *National Geographic* magazine article "Celt Appeal." His most recent story for *National Geographic* was "Edge of the World" (Jan. 2010), covering Scotland's Hebrides.



Fingal's Cave, Staffa, lit from within and captured by Photographer Jim Richardson for *National Geographic* magazine (Jan. 2010). The natural precision of the columns and the echoes of waves also inspired Felix Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture. A Zodiac cruise is the perfect way to explore this astonishing sea cave.





Global Luminary

PRESIDENT MARY ROBINSON

The first woman President of Ireland and formerly the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, President Robinson has spent most of her life as a human rights advocate and is a world leader who puts her humanity very much at the forefront of her politics. She has been named a “Hero and Icon” as one of *Time* magazine’s 2005 top 100 men and women whose “power, talent or moral example is transforming the world.” Recently, President Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest civilian honor — for her significant contributions to the nation and the world. She now chairs the Council of Women World Leaders and is Founder and President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative. And, she recently became a member of The Elders, a group of world leaders who contribute their wisdom, independent leadership and integrity to tackling some of the world’s toughest problems with the goal of making the world a better place. President Robinson will return to the *Explorer* in 2012, joining the first segment of our voyage to bring perspective and context to modern Ireland, the U.K. and its place on the world stage.

“Part of the wisdom of The Elders is to remind the world that we actually have universal values that are accepted by every government in the world and yet they are not being implemented.”

— Mary Robinson



DAILY EXPEDITION REPORT, SHETLANDS ISLANDS, MAY 27, 2011.

“President Mary Robinson gave an account of her personal involvement in the events of the past week in her home country. First, the official visit of Queen Elizabeth II, then the death of the ex-Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald (a close personal friend of President Robinson) and then the official visit of President Obama. As she pointed out, these events are a significant part of current Irish politics, international relations and history. A very insightful and thought-provoking presentation.”

— Steve Blamires, Historian

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EXPLORING THE BRITISH AND IRISH ISLES

14 DAYS/12 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURE: 2012 May 15

PRICES FROM: \$10,380 to \$18,960 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



Guest walking among the Stones of Callanish.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CULTURE, MUSIC & CUISINE.
- ▶ VISIT THE SCOTTISH OUTPOST OF ST. KILDA, A UNESCO SITE.
- ▶ EXPLORE THE PREHISTORIC VILLAGE OF SKARA BRAE IN ORKNEY.

We leave no Neolithic stone unturned as we trace the path of the Vikings and Celts along the windswept shores of England, Ireland, and Scotland. From aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, venture out in Zodiacs and kayaks and on foot to explore this wild and beautiful landscape, scattered with ancient monuments, charming villages and wild isles.

MAY 15: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO LONDON, ENGLAND

MAY 16: LONDON/PORTSMOUTH/ EMBARK

Arrive in London and transfer to Portsmouth for embarkation aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. (L,D)

MAY 17: DARTMOUTH

Stroll along Dartmouth's quaint waterfront, observing many fine old buildings that recall its nautical past. (B,L,D)

MAY 18: ISLES OF SCILLY, CORNWALL

According to Arthurian legend, the



Use your smart-phone to watch our **British Isles** video. See pg. 72 for details.

Isles of Scilly are all that remain of Lyonesse, a land off Cornwall that vanished beneath the Atlantic. On the island of Tresco we visit the Abbey Gardens, with a flourishing variety of subtropical plants. Watch for numerous birds, including shearwaters and sandpipers. (B,L,D)

MAY 19: THE SKELLIGS AND DINGLE PENINSULA, IRELAND

Navigate around Skellig Michael, once an important center of Celtic Christianity, with its beehive huts





Shetland ponies.



and seventh-century monastery, clinging to the jagged peak 600 feet above the sea. Watch for seabirds at the rocky island of Little Skellig. Later, go ashore at the charming town of Dingle. (B,L,D)

MAY 20: ARAN ISLANDS AND CLIFFS OF MOHER

Cruise beneath the Cliffs of Moher on the way to the Aran Islands, known for their peculiar limestone moonscapes and Gaelic culture, and Dun Aengus, a Celtic stone fort perched on a 200-foot cliff overlooking the sea. (B,L,D)

MAY 21: COUNTY DONEGAL, IRELAND

Dock at the sheltered fishing harbor of Killybegs and drive to Gaelic-speaking Glencolumbkille. In the evening, enjoy world-class traditional Donegal fiddle and pipe music. (B,L,D)

MAY 22: IONA AND STAFFA, INNER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND

Walk through the ancient nunnery to 12th-century Iona Abbey, where kings including Macbeth and Duncan lie buried. Explore Staffa Island and its famed great basalt columns and deep sea caves. It was here that

Felix Mendelssohn was inspired to write his “Hebrides Overture.” (B,L,D)

MAY 23: OUTER HEBRIDES: ST. KILDA AND CALLANISH

Navigate along the wild western coast of Scotland and the Outer Hebrides, where Scottish Gaelic is still widely spoken. Visit the remote UNESCO Site of St. Kilda. See the massive Neolithic Standing Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis. (B,L,D)

MAY 24: INVEREWE

Inverewe is an astonishing garden landscape, where the Gulf Stream moderates temperatures and allows palm trees to grow. (B,L,D)

MAY 25: ORKNEY ISLANDS

Built in the era of Stonehenge, the sites of Orkney reveal a sophisticated Stone Age culture. View the megaliths of the Ring of Brodgar, and glimpse an ancient way of life in the 5,000-year-old stone-slab village of Skara Brae. Step into the medieval St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, which took nearly 300 years to complete. (B,L,D)

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MAY 26: FAIR ISLE AND MOUSA

Explore Fair Isle, known for its woolen crafts, and visit the bird research center. Zodiac to the uninhabited island of Mousa, see one of the best examples of an Iron Age *broch*, or stone tower. (B,L,D)

MAY 27: 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 28: BERGEN, NORWAY/ DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

» Exploring Wales

Pre-voyage

5 Days. Call for details.

» Norwegian Fjords,

Post-voyage

4 Days. Call for details.





Polar bears on the sea ice.



ARCTIC SVALBARD

We've been introducing curious, intelligent travelers to the wonders of Arctic Svalbard for over two decades. And because we know the geography intimately, we've given them the rare and wonderful opportunity to see polar bears — one of the most charismatic wild animals on Earth — in their natural habit, the sea ice. While Churchill, Manitoba bills itself as “The Polar Bear Capital of The World,” we suspect that if polar bears had the vote, they'd disagree. They'd most likely choose to live in the blue-white world of the ice, far from human settlements — where spring brings a bounty of seals to hunt and baby bears to raise. Join us on our expedition and see their world — the magnificent Arctic, under the radiant midnight sun — for yourself. You might opt to live here too.

Here's the deal about sailing on the *National Geographic Explorer* in the Arctic. The entire ship becomes a hunter. A spotter sees a polar bear far in the distance. “Bear! Bear on the ice!” The words like ten thousand kilowatts surge through the guests, bridge officers, natural history staff, hotel staff and deck crew as the ship begins its approach. Everybody goes quiet, cameras ready as we gather on deck, grinning and whispering. For an hour or more we might approach the bear, a beautiful, powerful animal that moves gracefully over a patchwork quilt of ice and water, sometimes swimming open leads and climbing on the ice to shake itself dry, other times leaping from floe to floe. And sometimes the bear, as curious about us as we are about it, approaches the ship. This can go on for hours as a single unbroken enchantment, suspenseful, primal and fun. And when we finally pull away, leaving the bear in its world as we return to ours, we talk animatedly the rest of the day, the rest of the week for that matter, our words and stories filled with gratitude and joy. A feeling of mutual accomplishment settles over us, an aura of shared privilege and respect — not just for the bear and its world, but respect for our world as well, and our responsibility to preserve and protect it.”

— Kim Heacox, National Geographic Photographer & Writer

Expedition Team

KAREN COPELAND, NATURALIST | DENNIS CORNEJO, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | STEPHANIE MARTIN, MARINE SCIENTIST | JASON KELLEY, GEOLOGIST | LISA TROTTER, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | RALPH HOPKINS, NG PHOTOGRAPHER | MICHAEL GREENFELDER, NATURALIST | MICHAEL NOLAN, NATURALIST



KAREN COPELAND

Since 1991, Karen has traveled the world with Lindblad Expeditions. An avid writer and published photographer, she has a life-long passion for botany, geology and ornithology. Her interest in writing continues in the onboard daily expedition reports she writes and in a recently published paper on the foraging behavior of gentoo penguins. She is also a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor. Karen loves sharing the joy of adventure and the natural world with others.



DENNIS CORNEJO

Since 1981, Dennis has worked with Lindblad Expeditions as a Naturalist and later as an Undersea Specialist. He received his Ph.D. in botany at the University of Texas, at Austin. An NAUI divemaster, he began diving in the 1970s as a research associate at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, studying the winter hibernation of sea turtles. What began as a scientific study soon became a conservation project funded by WWF. As a skilled Undersea Specialist, he takes great pleasure in observing and investigating the behaviors and adaptations exhibited by fish and other marine animals.

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National Geographic Photographer



KEVIN SCHAFER

A former Naturalist and Expedition Leader for Lindblad Expeditions, Kevin Schafer works today as a full-time professional natural history photographer and writer. His work has appeared in all of the most respected science and nature magazines in the U.S., including *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon* and *Natural History*. Committed to putting his images to work in conservation, Kevin is a founding Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers.



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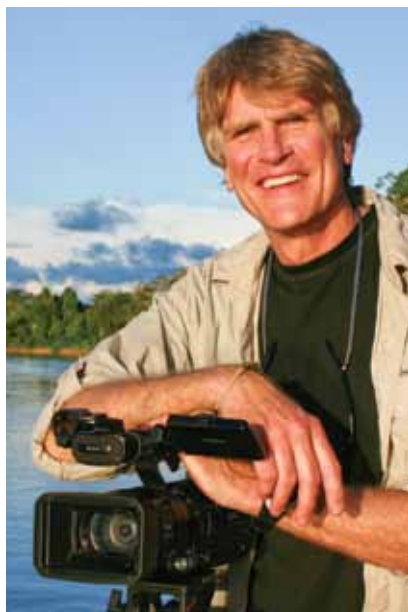
CAPTAIN ALFRED S. MCLAREN

Captain Alfred S. McLaren “has probably spent more time than anyone else beneath the earth’s northern ice, measuring its thickness, probing dark waters below, investigating its life and mapping the plains, crags and fissures of its seabed,” reads *The New York Times*. Captain McLaren, a retired Navy submariner, explored it on numerous expeditions, the last as commander of his own sub.



After retiring from the Navy in 1981, he earned a Ph.D. in polar studies from the University of Colorado and focused his research on the Arctic’s role in climate change. Since then, Dr. McLaren has explored the deep ocean. He has studied ecosystems teeming with life and made the first human dives on the *Bismarck*, the German battleship that sank during World War II.

Research scientist, writer and lecturer, Captain McLaren is the President of the American Polar Society, a director of The Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M, Director Emeritus of the Lindbergh Foundation, and Honorary Director and President Emeritus of The Explorers Club, where he has served as President (1996-2000). In 2000 he received The Explorers Club’s Lowell Thomas Medal for Ocean Exploration. He will join the June 29, 2012 departure of *Land of the Ice Bears*.



BOYD MATSON

As the long-time host of the Emmy award-winning “National Geographic Explorer” TV series, Matson had the enviable job of traveling to exotic locations and joining thrilling expeditions. Matson has rappelled into sinkholes, climbed mountains, and been bitten by more snakes than he cares to count. In doing so, he helped us feel what it was like to be there. He is currently the host of a new National Geographic series airing on PBS called “Wild Chronicles” offering rare access and in-depth reporting on the state of the natural world. Boyd will join us aboard on June 15 & 22, 2012.



DAILY EXPEDITION REPORT, 80 DEGREES NORTH, JUNE 8, 2011

“This morning our goal was to find some large marine mammals. While searching for walrus, which fit the description, near Moffen Island we found the largest of them all: the blue whale. The blue whale has made a slow but steady recovery in the North Atlantic since the whaling days last century. During the past 20 plus years of providing expeditions in the high Arctic, it has only been during the past few years that blue whales have been spotted in the waters around Svalbard. Later on we had nice views of the walrus that rest and molt on Moffen Island. From there we ventured above 80 degrees north, a first for many expeditioners.”

— Jason Kelley, Naturalist

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LAND OF THE ICE BEARS: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2012 Jun 8, 15, 22, 29; Jul 6

PRICES FROM: \$8,240 to \$15,230 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



A playful cub and mother on the pack ice of Norway's Svalbard Archipelago.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SEE WILD POLAR BEARS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT — ON THE SEA ICE.
- ▶ EXPERIENCE THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.
- ▶ SEE WALRUS, REINDEER, ARCTIC FOXES AND SEALS.

A High Arctic archipelago set between Norway and the North Pole, Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowy peaks, massive ice sheets and the best place to observe polar bears in their natural habitat — on the sea ice.

DAY 1: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Fly from Newark to Oslo on an overnight SAS flight.

DAY 2: OSLO

Arrive this morning in Oslo, the

capital city where each year the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in the presence of the King of Norway. Our introduction to Oslo begins with a stroll amid the famed Vigeland sculptures — hundreds of life-size human figures set in rolling parklands. Next we visit the Polarship *Fram* Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. The evening is free to explore Oslo on your own. Overnight at the Continental Hotel or similar. (B)



Use your smartphone to watch our **Arctic Norway** video. See pg. 72 for details.

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK

Depart Oslo on a private charter flight to Longyearbyen, one of the northernmost human settlements on Earth. Embark *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer midnight sun never sets. In true expedition style, we let nature dictate our day-to-day movements here and this, by the way, is one of the great





attractions of this expedition. We remain flexible to maximize our opportunities to observe wildlife.

With our fully stabilized, ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe deep into the ice where polar bears hunt. Join our spotters on the Bridge, scanning the ice for huge walrus, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, reindeer, some of the largest whales on Earth — and polar bears. A sighting brings

everyone rushing in excitement to the ship's bow!

Our expert staff gets you out daily. Depending on conditions, we may land on Edgeøya to hike the tundra, abloom with summer wildflowers. We often sail deep into Hornsund, where even first-time kayakers can paddle in a quiet cove surrounded by sparkling bergs. We may venture to the base of stunning Monacobreen glacier, or get close-up views of the iconic creatures of the ice by Zodiac. Back aboard, view underwater video from our ROV taken 1,000 feet below the surface, or spend time on deck with a National Geographic Photographer getting tips in an inspiring landscape. Every day is different, every day an adventure. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/
DISEMBARK/OSLO**
Disembark in Longyearbyen and

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have time to explore on your own. Fly to Oslo and overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 11: OSLO/HOME (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

» Norwegian Fjords Pre-voyage

4 Days. See page 28 for details.

» Exploring Iceland Post-voyage

4 Days. See page 29 for details.



Zodiacs take explorers for a close-up view.



NORWEGIAN FJORDS

OPTIONAL PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2012 PRICES*: Please call for 2012 rates.

*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfares not included. Ask for details. Adds 4 days/4 nights to the voyage.

The "Norwegian Fjords" extension can be taken before "Land of the Ice Bears" departures, and after "Exploring the British & Irish Isles."

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPLORE NORWAY'S FJORDLANDS, SCENIC WATERFALLS, MOUNTAIN PEAKS & TINY HAMLETS.
- ▶ DISCOVER BERGEN'S HISTORIC BRYGGEN WHARF — A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE.
- ▶ TAKE A THRILLING RIDE ON THE FLÅM RAILWAY, ASCENDING 2,900 FEET IN ONE HOUR!

The rich landscapes of southern Norway, including Sognefjord — the longest and deepest fjord in Norway — are the ideal prelude to your adventure above the Arctic Circle. Thundering waterfalls and snowy peaks offer wonderful photo ops. Have your camera ready!

DAY 1: U.S./FLY TO BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)

DAY 2: BERGEN

Arrive in the lovely Hansa city of Bergen. The powerful Hanseatic League once ruled the seas of Northern Europe. Check in to the First Hotel Marin, or similar. (D)

DAY 3: BERGEN

Visit the historic Bryggen Wharf and the Hanseatic Museum. Venture into St. Mary's Church and the rebuilt Fantoft Stave Church, as well as composer Edvard Grieg's home. After lunch, ride the funicular to the city's apex for an extraordinary view. (B,L)

DAY 4: BERGEN/ULLENSVANG

Our day begins along the shores of the Sorfjord and Hardangerfjord. Steep mountain slopes and cascading waterfalls greet you at every

bend. Keep your camera handy as you ferry across the fjord from Kvanndal to Utne to Kisarvik. Drive on to Ullevang and check in to the Ullevang Hotel. Join a nature walk this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ULLENSVANG/GUDVANGEN/FLÅM/OSLO

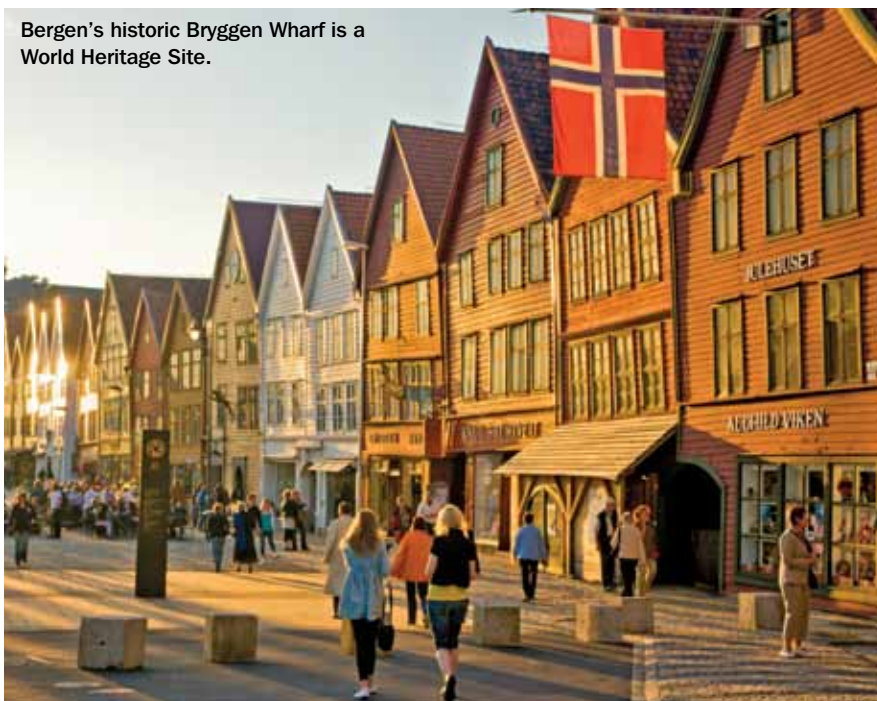
Nature has carved quite a portrait in Norway. The Tvindefoss Waterfall and Lake Oppheim are today's opening act. The hairpin curves of Stalheim Canyon through the

Naeroydal Valley to Gudvangen are breathtaking. Sail from Gudvangen through the fjords of Naeroy and both arms of the Sognefjord to Flåm for lunch. The thrilling Flåm railway ascends 2,900 feet in less than an hour! The train from Myrdal takes us to Oslo and the Continental Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: OSLO

This morning is at leisure before meeting the main group for our introduction to Oslo. (B)

Bergen's historic Bryggen Wharf is a World Heritage Site.



ICELAND'S NATURAL WONDERS OPTIONAL POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2012 PRICES*: \$3,550 double occupancy; \$4,090 sole occupancy.

*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfares not included. Ask for details. Adds 4 days/4 nights to the voyage.

The "Iceland's Natural Wonders" extension can be taken after "Land of the Ice Bears" departures.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPLORE ICELAND'S GLACIERS, WATERFALLS, HOT SPRINGS & BOILING MUD POOLS.
- ▶ STROLL THE OLD TOWN OF REYKJAVIK, THE WORLD'S NORTHERNMOST CAPITAL.
- ▶ SEE NATURE & HISTORY CONVERGE AT THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK.

Once you've seen the land of ice, it only makes sense to see its counterpart: the land of fire and ice — Iceland. Explore Iceland's hot springs, bubbling mud pools, spouting geysers and massive icecaps and glaciers.

DAY 1: OSLO, NORWAY/KEFLAVIK, ICELAND/AKUREYRI

Fly to Iceland, arriving in Akureyri. Check in to the Edda Hotel (or similar) where dinner is served. (B,D)

Gullfoss Falls.



Blue Lagoon.



DAY 2: AKUREYRI/LAKE MYVATN/ AKUREYRI

The geothermal waters at Lake Mývatn are a sanctuary for bird life. The lava field is dotted with natural sculptures. Return to Akureyri. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AKUREYRI/REYKJAVIK

Fly to Reykjavík, capital of Iceland, and transfer to the Centrum Hotel. This afternoon, we explore the city: Alþingi Parliament House, Government House (a former prison, which was built in the 18th century), and the impressive Hallgrímskirkja Church with its 240-foot-high tower are among our stops. (B,L)

DAY 4: GOLDEN CIRCLE: GULLFOSS AND GEYSIR/REYKJAVIK

See Iceland's wild side: glacial waterfalls, rivers and hot springs. Gullfoss Falls thunders. Geysir Hot Springs steam. And at Thingvellir National Park we see nature and history converge: it's the open-air site of the ancient Parliament. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: REYKJAVIK/KEFLAVIK/U.S.

Morning is at leisure. Opt to spend your time at the famous Blue Lagoon thermal baths. All guests transfer to the Blue Lagoon for lunch, continuing to Keflavik Airport for flights home. (B,L)





National Geographic Explorer, Trollfjord, Norway.



NORWAY'S FJORDS

For people who love the natural world, seeing the fjords of Norway is a travel must. Needless to say, we agree: little on the planet surpasses the achievements of glaciers in sculpting these stunning forms. But there's so much more here than lovely landscapes — there's a radiant profusion of birds, wildflowers, reindeer, even the silvery dart of an Arctic fox passing us on a hike. There's the human factor, too: the people and their homes in the tiny towns and picturesque villages that animate these vistas in delightful ways. And, since *Explorer* spends days exploring the Svalbard archipelago, you'll also see the wilder side of the Arctic, complete with polar bear and walrus sightings, ice and massive glaciers. Come for the fjords and discover so much more.

Trying to find a word to describe the west coast of Norway is nearly impossible. Majestic, inspiring, picturesque, peaceful, powerful all come to mind and no one alone can convey the true sense of the place. The ocean fingers inland, tracing the path of deep valleys gouged by glaciers in the not-so-distant past. Waterfalls cascade from hanging valleys, falling in giant steps here or sheathing polished rock walls there. Sculpted horns scratch at the sky high above. The power of ice can be seen at every turn. In our minds rock is strong and solid but it crumbles readily faced with the action of ice and water. Off shore the sea persistently plucks at the edges of the land and crystal-by-crystal erodes it away creating arches and stacks where seabirds aggregate. Safe from terrestrial predators their progeny thrive. Yet amidst the power is peace. The sea laps at the edges of islands and washes against the hull of the ship. We meander beside a clear mountain river and sit and listen to the music of its motion. The sounds blend with the gentle wind whistling in the trees. Conifers and birch paint the mountainsides with shades of green. In open spaces, where the sun filters through, wildflowers add splashes of brilliant color both in spring and fall. The people are part of the land here too with their orderly red, white or yellow structures. Tiny communities tuck themselves beneath the mountain peaks or cluster on islets. Colorful boats sit at piers poised to sail away in search of life-sustaining fish. Each and every one of us sees this land in a different light, this land of the midnight sun. I wonder what your descriptive words will be?"

— Karen Copeland, Naturalist

Expedition Team

DAVID COTHRAN, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | STEWART AITCHISON, LINDBLAD PHOTO INSTRUCTOR
KAREN COPELAND, NATURALIST | ERIC GUTH, NATURALIST | MICHAEL GREENFELDER, NATURALIST
BUD LEHNHAUSEN, NATURALIST | STEPHANIE MARTIN, NATURALIST



STEPHANIE MARTIN

Stephanie Martin is a marine mammal scientist who began her career studying finback and humpback whales from a small isolated lighthouse island off the coast of Bar Harbor, Maine. Since 1999, she has worked with Lindblad Expeditions and when not onboard, Stephanie is a field assistant for a tropical, temperate and polar marine invertebrate comparison project for the British Antarctic Survey. She loves sharing her knowledge of the natural world and the spirit of adventure found on expedition ships.



RALPH HOPKINS

Ralph Hopkins is founder and director of the Lindblad Photo Expeditions and for the past 16 years has led expeditions from the Arctic to the Antarctic and points in between. An inspiring teacher, Ralph's enthusiasm for the creative aspects of photography is contagious. While he began his career photographing landscapes with medium- and large-format cameras, he has evolved and now principally employs Canon digital cameras for all his travel and wildlife photography. He's been instrumental in the creation of the on-board photo programs on all LEX/NG ships.

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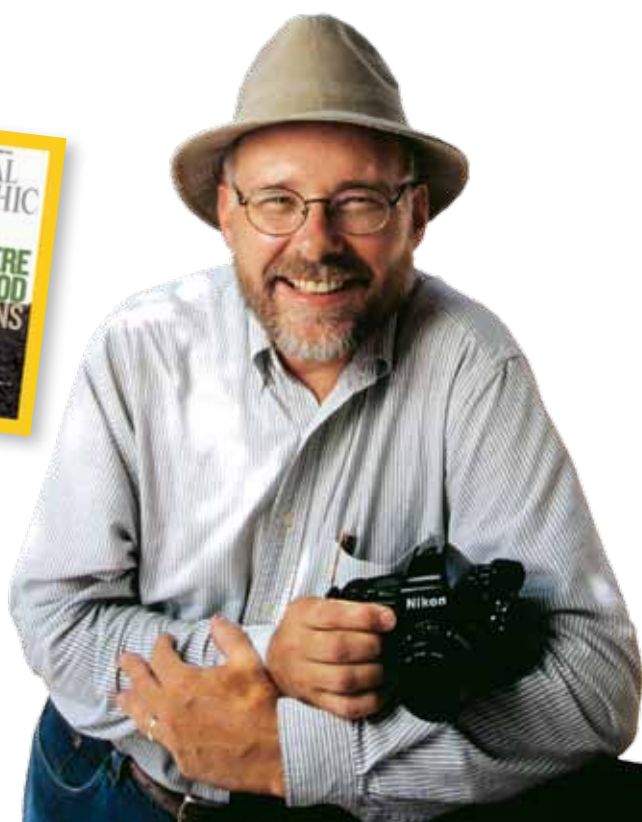
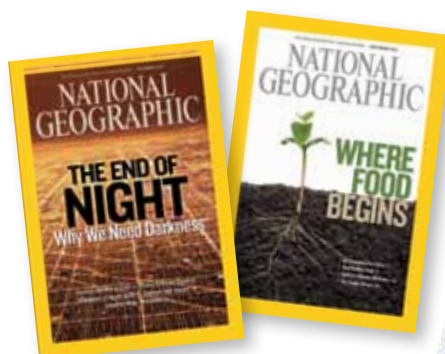
National Geographic Photographer



JIM RICHARDSON

Photographer Jim Richardson has produced more than 40 stories for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*, where he is a contributing editor. Jim photographed two recent cover stories for *National Geographic* magazine:

"The End of Night" in November 2008 and "The Good Earth: Soil" in September 2008. His work has been widely published; and featured on *CBS Sunday Morning* and *ABC's Nightline*.



Global Luminary



KEITH BELLOWES

Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Keith Bellows was named Editor in Chief of *National Geographic Traveler* magazine in January 1998 and made a vice president of the National Geographic Society in March 2000. Under his stewardship, the magazine has won numerous awards and recognitions, including more than 60 Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism awards, seven Folio Awards, and two nominations for the National Magazine Awards. He lectures extensively around the world, and his more than 200 television appearances include *Today* and *Good Morning America*. He has written for *Esquire*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Parenting*, *AARP*, and many other magazines. He co-authored *The Canuck Book* and is now writing *100 Places That Will Change Your Child's Life*, part of a program he is developing to encourage parents, corporations, and schools to view travel as a critical learning tool. Keith will join us aboard the May 27, 2012 departure.

"Norway is one of the world's great secrets. It has fjords that rank among the planet's greatest landscapes, a food scene that is internationally renowned, and a deep sense of place that will thrill anyone in search of true culture and authentic experiences. I'm always looking for places that still have a strong commitment to their roots. Norway is certainly that and more."

— Keith Bellows

DAILY EXPEDITION REPORT: LOFOTEN ISLANDS, JUNE 2, 2011

This morning the *National Geographic Explorer* awoke on the "outer coast" of the Lofoten archipelago along the shores of Vaeroy Island. Atlantic puffins and razorbills were spotted from both bridge and deck and on approach to our anchorage the dramatic slopes and ridges above

the abandoned community of Mastad were visible. Relics of a prosperous past stood in the form of what today are used as summer cottages, and while a treacherous landing did not allow us to wander the shores of Mastad, some of us enjoyed exploring via Zodiac.

— Elise Lockton, Expedition Staff



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NORWAY'S FJORDS & ARCTIC SVALBARD

16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2012 May 27; Aug 13*

*Travels from Longyearbyen to Bergen. Call for reverse itinerary.

PRICES FROM: \$11,740 to \$21,430 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



National Geographic Explorer, Svalbard.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPLORE NORWAY'S FAMOUS AND SELDOM-SEEN FJORDS.
- ▶ OBSERVE POLAR BEARS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.
- ▶ HIKE AND KAYAK AMIDST THE ARCTIC ICE.

From the fabled fjords of Norway to the awesome wilderness of Svalbard, this expedition combines two distinct but intertwined regions. Traveling 1,800 miles north from Bergen, you'll meander along Norway's indented coast. Then delve into the Arctic, only 600 miles from the North Pole and the best place to see polar bears in their natural habitat — on the sea ice.

DAY 1: U.S./BERGEN, NORWAY (VIA COPENHAGEN)

DAY 2: BERGEN, NORWAY/EMBARK

Arrive in the Hanseatic town of Bergen, the gateway to the fjordlands. Stroll Bryggen Wharf before embarkation. (L,D)

DAY 3: NORDFJORD

Travel through the little-visited Nordfjord and transfer for a ride via coach to see Olden Valley's jagged mountains and turquoise lake. Hike through deep glacially-carved valleys to Briksdal Glacier. (B,L,D)



Use your smartphone to watch our **Arctic Norway** video. See pg. 72 for details.

DAYS 4-5: EXPLORING THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

Explore a variety of landings among the mountainous islands and steep-walled fjords: Zodiac along vertical rock faces, paddle a kayak in a deep fjord surrounded by waterfalls, or

Juvenile walrus.





Our nimble ship noses up to a waterfall in Trollfjord.

hike with our Naturalists. We've discovered a number of special places, including Melfjord, a narrow channel surrounded by steep granite cliffs. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LOFOTEN ISLANDS

Travel by Zodiac to view Atlantic puffins, razorbills and guillemots. Go ashore at the fishing village of Aa. Later, cruise into dramatic Trollfjord, one of the most famous fjords in Norway. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: TYSFJORDEN

This morning, enter the long fjord of Tysfjorden, where only a few small villages cling to the rocky shores. Explore Hellemobotn and the area's numerous side channels by Zodiac, kayak or on foot. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: TROMSØ

Tromsø is the "Gateway to the Arctic" since so many arctic

expeditions originated here. Visit the Arctic Cathedral, whose unique architecture is evocative of snow and icebergs. And visit the Polar Museum, with excellent exhibits on arctic nature and environment. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAY 10: BEAR ISLAND

Zodiac around mist-shrouded Bear Island, populated by thousands of fulmars, kittiwakes, guillemots and gulls. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11-14: EXPLORING SVALBARD

The focus of these days is to search for walruses, seals, reindeer, arctic foxes and polar bears living among the deep fjords, mountains, and massive ice sheets of Svalbard. Our flexible itinerary



allows us to take best advantage of ice and weather conditions. Shore walks, Zodiac and kayaking adventures bring us up close to rugged landscapes and passing icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark in Longyearbyen and visit the Svalbard Art Gallery and Museum. Board our charter flight to Oslo. Overnight at the SAS Radisson Blu Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 16: OSLO/HOME (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

» Exploring Iceland Post-voyage

4 Days. See page 29 for details.

» WHY EXPLORE THE FJORDS? GO TO WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/FJORDS



DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND, GERMANY, POLAND, LITHUANIA, LATVIA,



Visby, medieval town and
Word Heritage Site, Sweden.

HISTORIC BALTICS

A passage through centuries of history and a kaleidoscopic array of countries and cultures, this expedition gives you something no other form of travel can offer: a front door welcome. Explorer will anchor in ports as in days of old, allowing you to see and enter these marvelous Hanseatic League cities as they were designed to be seen and entered: from the sea — for a richer, more vivid sense of place.

The Baltic, or the East Sea as the Vikings called it, lives in my memory as a northern mosaic of east meets west. Whenever I sail through the narrow Kattegat straits separating Denmark from Sweden — a name given by the 12th-century German Hanseatic League sailors meaning a passage so small a cat could get stuck — I imagine those unique 5th-century runic picture stones found only on Sweden's beautiful Gotland, that crucial Viking center of commerce whose 10th-century trade with the Muslim Caliphate of Baghdad was second to none. As I look further east I see the orthodox icons of St. Petersburg in the Alexander Nevsky Monastery. I remember my first visit to Tikvin Cemetery and the graves of Dostoevsky, Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Borodin, Rimsky-Korsakov and Glinka, where I lingered. The onion-domed churches of Tallinn also gleam golden in anticipation of my visit. And I see the Brick Gothic Lutheran Cathedrals of Lübeck, Riga and Gdańsk where I have spent many wondrous hours listening to their great organs. I imagine the young J.S. Bach walking the 250 miles in the autumn of 1705 from Arnstadt to Lübeck to play the organ at the great Brick Gothic Cathedral of Marienkirche under the master Dieterich Buxtehude — what passion and dedication. Yet, I am also reminded of the massive human suffering during WWII and the great Baltic Offensive of the autumn of 1944 when the victorious Soviets accepted the surrender of the German Army Group Courland on May 9, 1945, presaging the end of that nightmare. And this year — as the circle of history repeats itself — we celebrate the first U.K. Nordic Baltic Summit, an echo of the great Hanseatic League begun in Lübeck eight centuries earlier. My Baltic.

—Tom Heffernan, Expedition Historian

Expedition Team

JENNIFER MARTIN, EL | DAVID BARNES, HISTORIAN | TOM HEFFERNAN, HISTORIAN | KAREN COPELAND, NATURALIST | DAVID COTHRAN, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | RICHARD MAACK, LEX PHOTO



JENNIFER MARTIN, EXPEDITION LEADER

Jen Martin started her Naturalist career as a guide in Alaska and led land expeditions for twelve years before she was inevitably seduced by the sea. She has now spent almost ten years on small ships as an Expedition Leader and Naturalist. Her spirit for exploration and knowledge not to be contained, Jen also has a strong passion for different cultures and leads many of Lindblad's history and culture voyages in Europe.



THOMAS J. HEFFERNAN, HISTORIAN

Tom Heffernan holds the Kenneth Curry Distinguished Professorship and is the Director of the Humanities Research Institute at the University of Tennessee. He is an historical philologist. His Ph.D. is from Cambridge University and he did post-doctoral work in Latin palaeography at Harvard. Tom has written six books and sixty articles. Tom will introduce us to Old Norse the language of the early Swedish Vikings, religion in the Baltics and the way disease reshaped early Baltic society.

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National Geographic Photographers



SISSE BRIMBERG AND COTTON COULSON

Photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson, are contributing editors for *National Geographic Traveler* magazine. Collectively they have photographed more than 50 stories for *National Geographic* magazine and *National Geographic Traveler*. Cotton's photos were featured in the May 1989 cover story "The Baltics: Arena of Power," and Sisse has shot stories on Estonia, Catherine the Great, the Vikings and the Hanseatic League.



Angel carving at St Mary's Church, Gdansk, Poland.

» VIEW COTTON'S WORK: A BALTIC IMPRESSIONISTIC PORTRAIT: WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/BALTICVIDEO





Illuminating the Baltics

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV: August 29 & September 6, 2012

Former President of the Soviet Union, Nobel Peace Laureate, Cold War reformer and 20th-century visionary; now promoting peace through the Gorbachev Foundation and Green Cross Initiative, an environmental organization. President Gorbachev will meet with Lindblad guests at a special private session in St. Petersburg. He has been one of the twentieth century's most pivotal leaders, and as President of the Soviet Union, he helped to end the fifty years of nuclear brinkmanship named the Cold War. In its place, he taught his country and the world two new ideas: *glasnost* and *perestroika*. These revolutionary concepts led to the blossoming of freedom in Eastern Europe and the introduction of democracy to Russia. President Gorbachev dedicated himself to building a relationship of mutual trust between the Soviet Union and the United States, signing two broad disarmament pacts. For his extraordinary efforts, he was awarded the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize.

LECH WALES: August 29 & September 6, 2012

From Labor Leader to Nobel Prize winner to the elected President of Poland, Walesa left a changed world. He is fascinating and will visit with Lindblad guests in his hometown of Gdańsk. In 1980, Walesa, a simple electrician, led the ten million-member Solidarity Labor Movement that inspired hope in the hearts of those starved for freedom. Despite the crackdown of martial law and repeated imprisonment, Walesa prevailed to see the end of communist rule in Poland and Eastern Europe. In 1990, he became the first democratically elected President of Poland. For his heroic efforts, Walesa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. He received praise from leaders worldwide for his honor, including these words from President Reagan, "It's a victory for those who seek to enlarge the human spirit over those who seek to crush it."



"The highlight of the day was when Polish ex-President and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Lech Walesa spoke to us in the Lounge. He told us a bit about the history of the Solidarity movement and his work when he was President. He graciously answered our questions with his famous charm and good humor. At the end, he asked us to "always believe in the impossible" and it was an incredible opportunity to meet a man who helped change the world."

— Stephanie Martin, Naturalist



EXPLORING THE BALTIC'S HISTORIC WATERWAYS

16 DAYS/14 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2012 Aug. 29; Sep. 6* * Travels from St. Petersburg to Copenhagen.

PRICES FROM: \$12,990 to \$23,990 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



National Geographic Explorer is able to dock right in Stockholm's old town, Gamla Stan.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPERIENCE NINE COUNTRIES UNITED BY THE BALTIC SEA.
- ▶ SEE ST. PETERSBURG'S TREASURES AND THE HERMITAGE.
- ▶ EXPLORE UNESCO SITES LÜBECK, RIGA, TALLINN & MORE.

The great Scandinavian capitals of Copenhagen and Stockholm and the treasures of St. Petersburg display only a fraction of this region's storied past. Delve deeper through dramatic water approaches, forays into character-filled villages and island stops for quiet walks. Wander around the artists' colony at Christiansø or the medieval walled city of Visby, or have a deck party in the tranquil Swedish Archipelago. Count on our Baltic expedition team for peak experiences.

DAY 1: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

DAY 2: COPENHAGEN/EMBARK SHIP
Arrive in Copenhagen in time for lunch and a stop at the Little Mermaid statue. (L,D)

DAY 3: LÜBECK, GERMANY
We have a splendid introduction to the Hanseatic and Renaissance architecture of Lübeck, the medieval capital of the Hanseatic League, during a boat ride along the canals.



Use your smartphone to watch our **Baltic** video. See pg. 72 for details.

After lunch, explore the city on foot with a guided walk. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CHRISTIANSØ & BORNHOLM ISLANDS, DENMARK

Land by Zodiac at tiny Christiansø for a morning of reflection and photography. Continue to verdant Bornholm and see the ruins of ancient Hammershus Castle. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: GDÁNSK, POLAND

Gdansk is known as the birthplace of Solidarity, the pivotal democratic



movement that helped shape the changes throughout Eastern Europe. Dock at the historic shipyards with its moving Solidarity Monument, and stroll the red-brick inner city with its old merchant's houses and 15th-century Artus Court. By special arrangement, meet with former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA

Arrive in Klaipeda, the country's primary port with its red-roofed 19th-century buildings. Travel to Palanga, visiting a lavish estate which houses the Amber Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: RIGA, LATVIA

Riga, a beautiful Hanseatic city, is dominated by its jumble of eclectic architecture from many periods, with Parisian-style parks and boulevards. The historic city center is recognized as having the finest collection of art nouveau buildings in Europe. Explore the cobbled streets of Old Town dominated by the magnificent Cathedral. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: VISBY, GOTLAND, SWEDEN

See the superb Viking exhibits at the Fornsal Museum and explore the



medieval church ruins that contribute to this walled city's character. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: STOCKHOLM

The city that "floats on water," Stockholm is built on 14 islands. Visit the famed Vasa Museum with its restored 17th-century warship and stroll the cobbled streets of Old Town Gamla Stan. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SWEDISH ARCHIPELAGO

We navigate through the enchanting islands of the archipelago to go ashore and soak up the Swedish landscape. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: MARIEHAMN, ÅLAND ISLANDS, FINLAND

Politically part of Finland, linguistically Swedish, and culturally autonomous, the Åland islanders are proud inhabitants of a naturally beautiful archipelago that is also home to a wonderful maritime museum. We'll explore via foot and Zodiac. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: TALLINN, ESTONIA

Enclosed by walls and turrets, Tallinn's Hanseatic Old Town is one of the Baltics' best preserved medieval cities. Have a guided

stroll through the streets of the Old Town and Town Hall Square. From the top of Dome Hill, gaze at the picturesque spires and gables. The evening is free to explore. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-15: ST. PETERSBURG/ DISEMBARK

After breakfast, disembark and check into the five-star Grand Hotel Europe. Experience Peter the Great's spectacular "window to the West" during the next three days. A special talk from Mikhail Gorbachev has been arranged for us. Admire the treasures of the Hermitage Museum. Step into the grandiose Peter & Paul Fortress, the burial place of most modern tsars, and visit gold-domed St. Isaac's Cathedral. Visit the opulent Catherine Palace in Pushkin. Explore the cascading fountains of the summer palace at Petrodvorets. And on one evening attend an optional musical performance. (Day 14: B,L; Days 13 & 15: B,L,D)

DAY 16: ST. PETERSBURG/HOME (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

» **Moscow. Pre- or Post-voyage**
3 Days. Call for details.



Tallinn, Estonia.


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DENMARK, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRANCE,



Guest and Naturalist walking in Ile d'Aix. France



SPAIN & PORTUGAL

EUROPEAN ODYSSEY

Since the usual way to enter Europe is via an airport or railyard, one is denied the welcoming sight of each city, as it was originally designed to be entered: from the sea. *National Geographic Explorer* and her expert expedition team remedies this by bringing you in the front door to reveal fresh facets. We confidently predict that regardless of how many times you may have visited, you will see Europe anew.

It's a well-kept secret that early September is an ideal time to choose to visit Europe's western shores. Summer family vacations are over and the new school year has just begun. Much-visited sites are rewardingly quiet. This is the window of opportunity that we seize to make a coastal voyage of discovery that encompasses some seven European Union countries, from Denmark in the north, to Portugal in the south — a rich kaleidoscope of cultural diversity that includes Basques and Bretons, Flemings and Galicians as well as Danes and Germans, Spanish and Portuguese, not to forget the French, all proudly speaking their native tongues.

We go ashore off the beaten track to meet the locals and sample their cuisine: Spanish *tapas* and Breton *crepes*, vintage port in Oporto, cider in Normandy and beer brewed by Trappist monks in Belgium. We witness folk-dancing and hear bagpipes in Galicia and enjoy a jazz band in Belgium. We join pilgrims as we journey to Santiago de Compostela and Mont-St.-Michel. We share the pain of our past on the Normandy beaches and the exhilaration of the future at Frank Gehry's Guggenheim in Bilbao. We marvel at the work of the Flemish Old Masters in Bruges and admire the incomparable Bayeux Tapestry in Normandy.

Diversity is something Europeans hold dear. When General Charles de Gaulle resigned the presidency of his beloved France, he famously remarked: "How could I be expected to govern a country that has 301 different types of cheese?" Yet the success story of the European Union is also one of a new sense of unity and a growing appreciation of common European citizenship. If you have not been in Europe for a while, come share in the excitement of the New Europe as we explore the edge of an Old World transformed. I invite you to join me and the expedition team for this European Odyssey. I guarantee that you will be, by turns, charmed and challenged, refreshed and renewed.

— David Barnes, Historian

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DAVID BARNES

Historian David Barnes has spent most of his professional life teaching history. With a background in religious history, he teaches a variety of courses pertinent to the wider Atlantic world. A native of Wales, David speaks French and English in addition to his native Welsh. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. In 1998 he joined Lindblad Expeditions as a full-time Expedition Historian and has traveled the world in that capacity. David's deep knowledge will bring European history and culture to life.



RICHARD MAACK

A commercial and editorial photographer for over twenty years, Richard Maack is the former Photography Editor of *Arizona Highways* magazine. A widely published photographer, his work has appeared in publications such as *Sunset*, *Newsday*, *Landscape Architecture*, *Phoenix Magazine*, *Phoenix Home & Garden*, and, of course, *Arizona Highways*. Along with commercial and editorial photography projects, Richard also teaches many travel and classroom photographic workshops, and loves to share his passion for his subject.

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National Geographic Photographer



CATHERINE KARNOW

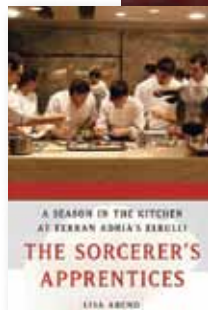
Born and raised in Hong Kong, the daughter of an American journalist, San Francisco-based photographer Catherine Karnow is known for her vibrant, emotional and sensitive style of photographing people. After a brief career as a filmmaker — her film *Brooklyn Bridge* premiered at the Berlin Film Festival in 1984 — she turned her attention to photography full-time in 1986. Catherine has photographed everything from Australian Aborigines and Bombay film stars to victims of Agent Orange in Vietnam.



Global Luminary

LISA ABEND

Lisa Abend is *Time* magazine's correspondent in Spain, where she writes about everything from international terrorism, to climate change, immigration and costumed debt collectors. She contributes to several major American food magazines, and has written features on a Marrakech cooking school for *Bon Appetit*; on culinary travels through Extremadura for *Gourmet* and for *Saveur* on a collective of grandmothers in Catalonia who preserve traditional cuisine. Her first book, *The Sorcerer's Apprentices: A Season in the Kitchen at Ferran Adrià's elBulli*, was published in 2011. Lisa will join us aboard on the second leg of our voyage.



DAILY EXPEDITION REPORT, AMSTERDAM, SEP. 24, 2010

The deciduous trees growing along the canal banks were beginning to display a hint of autumn, what the locals call 'Rembrandt colors.' And 'Rembrandt colors' we did see shortly after alighting from the canal cruisers and continuing our morning in Amsterdam with a visit to the Rijksmuseum. Here in the National Museum is housed a remarkable collection of the 17th-century Dutch Masters including Rembrandt, Frans Hals and Jan Vermeer.

— Vinnie Butler, Archaeologist

EUROPEAN ODYSSEY: A PASSAGE THROUGH CENTURIES OF CULTURE & HISTORY

17 DAYS/15 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2012 Sep. 20

PRICES FROM: \$13,850 to \$25,410 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



A musical performance set in the elegant Hostal de los Reyes Católicos, Spain.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SAVOR THE CULTURES OF SEVEN DISTINCT COUNTRIES.
- ▶ EXPLORE RARELY SEEN SITES ACCESSIBLE BY ZODIAC.
- ▶ VISIT HISTORIC D-DAY SITES WITH OUR HISTORIANS.

This expedition through Europe is an active and insightful foray into culture and history. Explore seven countries, tracing the coast from Copenhagen and the Hanseatic town of Lübeck to the lively Portuguese seaside city of Oporto. Venture into medieval towns and fortresses, admire legendary art and architecture, savor local specialties, and explore via Zodiac, accessing remote places such as Ile d'Aix and Islas Cies.

SEP. 20: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

SEP. 21: COPENHAGEN/EMBARK SHIP
Stop at Copenhagen's famed Little Mermaid statue before embarkation. (L,D)

SEP. 22: LÜBECK, GERMANY
See the step-gabled merchants' houses, red-bricked warehouses and narrow alleys of Lübeck, a World Heritage Site. Zodiac or have a guided walk to Buddenbrookhaus,



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home to authors Heinrich and Thomas Mann. (B,L,D)

SEP. 23: TRANSIT THE KIEL CANAL
Spend a relaxing day at sea; transit the Kiel Canal. B,L,D)

SEP. 24: AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS
Explore Amsterdam's many canals, museums, and cafés. (B,L,D)

SEP. 25: OOSTENDE, BELGIUM/BRUGES
From Oostende, drive to the



medieval town of Bruges, a UNESCO Site. Board small boats to view the architecture from canal level. (B,L,D)

SEP. 26: BAYEUX, FRANCE

View the Bayeux Tapestry, detailing the invasion of England by William the Conqueror. (B,L,D)

SEP. 27: NORMANDY D-DAY BEACHES/ CHERBOURG

Walk the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc, visit Omaha Beach, site of the historic D-Day invasion, and the American Cemetery. Visit Ste. Mere Eglise, where a U.S. paratrooper caught on the church spire. (B,L,D)

SEP. 28: ST. MALO AND MONT-ST.-MICHEL

Moor beneath the gateway to medieval St. Malo. Drive to the breathtaking 12th-century monastery of Mont-St.-Michel. Return to St. Malo for stunning views and a walk around the ramparts. (B,L,D)

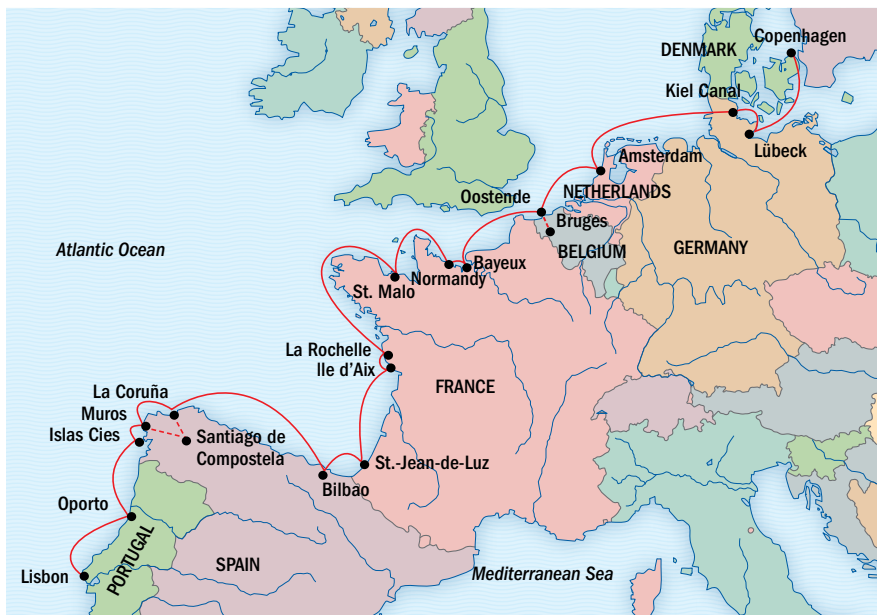
SEP. 29: AT SEA (B,L,D)

SEP. 30: ILE D'AIX AND LA ROCHELLE

Tiny and tranquil Ile d'Aix is famous as Napoleon's last place of residence on French soil before his exile to St. Helena. There is a surprising little museum here dedicated to Napoleonic memorabilia. Wander along the Vieux Port at La Rochelle, where lively cafés line the waterfront. (B,L,D)

OCT. 1: LA COTE BASQUE, FRANCE

Zodiacs take us ashore at St.-Jean-de-Luz to visit Eglise St.-Jean-Baptiste, where Louis XIV married Maria Theresa of Spain. This photogenic fishing village is the perfect place to relax, stroll the harbor, or swim from the white-sand Grand Plage. (B,L,D)



OCT. 2: BILBAO, SPAIN

Explore Frank Gehry's futuristic Guggenheim Museum, with its distinctive titanium wave. (B,L,D)

white-sand beach. Explore picturesque Bayona, where Columbus' ship, *Pinta*, brought news of the discovery of the New World. (B,L,D)

OCT. 3: LA CORUÑA/SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Visit the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela and witness the swinging of the *botafumeiro* or incense burner. A musical performance is followed by a Galician lunch at Hostal de los Reyes Católicos. (B,L,D)

OCT. 5: OPORTO, PORTUGAL

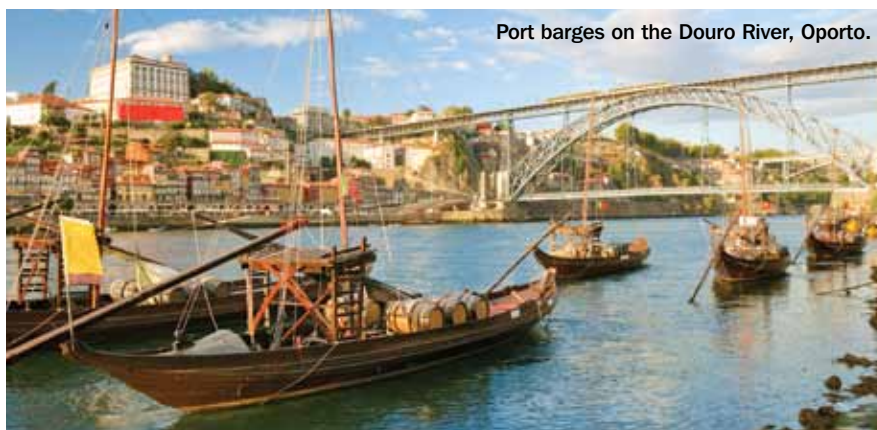
Famous for its port wine, Oporto is a World Heritage Site with stately architecture marked by the 12th-century church of São Francisco that glitters with gold, and the Stock Exchange, the embodiment of Moorish splendor. Picturesque wine boats ply the Douro River; we have a tasting at one of the famed riverside porthouses. (B,L,D)

OCT. 4: ISLAS CIES AND BAYONA

Stroll the paths of Islas Cies National Park or swim and kayak from the

OCT. 6: LISBON/DISEMBARK/U.S. (B)

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Port barges on the Douro River, Oporto.



SOUTH GEORGIA, THE FALKLANDS & PENINSULA VALDÉS, PLUS



King penguins, South Georgia.



BUENOS AIRES

SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

The expedition featured here is like a blockbuster film — the star is South Georgia, a crescent of mountains rising to nearly 10,000 feet, a lost piece of the Andes with the densest biomass on Earth during breeding season of marine mammals and seabirds, including some 300,000 king penguins. The supporting cast is sophisticated Buenos Aires; Peninsula Valdés, summer headquarters for the rare southern right whale; and the wildlife-rich, picturesque Falkland Islands — a must-see on any nature lover's list.

South Georgia has often been viewed in the travel world as an “add on” on the return from the Antarctic Peninsula. That's too bad, because it is in many ways more spectacular. First, it's packed with life. The penguin colonies — several species — are intense metropolises of roving ambitions, sexual politics and parental devotion. And South Georgia harbors incredible nesting colonies of flying seabirds, too: the magnificent wandering albatross, the stunning gray-headed albatross and the sky-dancing light-mantled sooty albatross, plus various petrels that simply don't nest in Antarctica. There are no adequate words to describe the sense of serenity conveyed to a person who sees a wandering albatross upon its nest. Some of the best, most pioneering research on the mind-blowing travels of those birds was based on South Georgia, carried out by the Brits from a station situated there. None of these birds fear humans, so we have the opportunity to observe them respectfully without worry or harmful disturbance. South Georgia is also home to a burgeoning population of fur seals. Once hunted so vehemently that for a few years they were feared extinct, their recovery has been successful to a fault.

At other sites, elephant seals — also once savagely hunted — snort and wallow in their resting spots ashore, their indolence hiding all hint of their incredible diving abilities and their travels hundreds of miles from shore in all manner of weather. And of course there is history. The whaling stations' rusting remains, graveyards, and displays recollect the hunting that Herman Melville, in *Moby-Dick*, referred to as “so remorseless a havoc.” It's better now. It's better now, as we'll see at South Georgia.

— Carl Safina, Ecologist & Marine Conservationist

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RICHARD WHITE

An avid birder from an early age, Richard White soon developed an interest in other areas of natural history. After receiving a degree in biological sciences he began researching the impact of oil and gas exploration on seabird populations, initially in European waters and then in waters around the Falkland Islands, where he lived for three years. He then moved to Ascension Island where he worked on an ambitious project to restore seabird populations on the island. Richard joined Lindblad Expeditions in 2003 and has since worked year-round for the company.



SUE PERIN

Sue Perin began her Naturalist career as a wildlife biologist in the forests of Maine, Newfoundland and the Washington Cascades. Employing her degree in wildlife management, she has counted bald eagles from a raft in the middle of winter, live-trapped pine marten and studied spotted owls. Later she moved into the realm of education, instructing various field programs and educating people about the importance of protecting water quality. Sue has worked for Lindblad since 1993 where she loves sharing her knowledge and love of natural areas with others.

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KIM HEACOX

Award-winning writer, photographer and conservationist Kim Heacox has lived in Alaska for 25 years. He has written two books about Antarctica for National Geographic: *Shackleton: The Antarctic Challenge* and *Antarctica: The Last Continent*. A gifted storyteller, Kim spends much of his time writing about and photographing life in Earth's Polar regions. Kim will join the October 17, 2011 departure.



Global Luminaries

CARL SAFINA

Carl Safina is a prominent Ecologist and Marine Conservationist. He is an adjunct professor at Stony Brook University, and founding president of Blue Ocean Institute. He has written five books in which he explores the scientific, moral and social dimensions of our relationship with nature, ecology and the oceans. And his articles have been featured in hundreds of publications including *National Geographic* magazine and *The New York Times*. His first book, *Song for the Blue Ocean*, was chosen a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. And his most recent book, *A Sea in Flames: The Deepwater Horizon Oil Blowout*, was published this past April. You may have recognized his photo, as Carl appeared frequently on TV as an expert commentator during the Gulf oil disaster. His TV series, "Saving the Ocean" recently premiered on PBS. Knowledgeable and informative, Carl is also passionately fond of the geographies and creatures that are the features of this voyage — and eager to share the experience with his fellow guests aboard the Oct. 17, 2011 departure.



KEENAN SMART

National Geographic wildlife filmmaker Keenan Smart manages National Geographic's Natural History Film Division, a group that has won 29 Emmys and every major award for wildlife films. Smart is Executive Producer of *Great Migrations*, the most ambitious television event ever undertaken by National Geographic, which launched across the globe in November 2010 on the National Geographic Channel. On the Oct. 17, 2011 voyage, you'll hear first-hand how he and the *Great Migrations* team spent two and a half years in the field, traveling 420,000 miles in 20 countries and on all seven continents, including the Falklands, to capture the spectacular stories of the arduous journeys undertaken by many of the planet's amazing animal travelers.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

GREAT MIGRATIONS

Not able to join us in 2011? Plan ahead to 2012 and join Astronaut Jim Lovell aboard in South Georgia.



DAILY EXPEDITION REPORT SOUTH GEORGIA, NOV. 15, 2010

Today was a 40GB kind of day, and to the photographers out there among you, that pretty well tells you the day was an imaging dream. We got off to an absolutely stunning sunrise as the *National Geographic Explorer* nosed into the Bay of Isles on South Georgia. The sun was masked behind clouds as it sent shafts of God's Light into the azure morning sky. My camera clicked and whirled and the first 5GB were over just that fast. Barely time for a quick breakfast and into the Zodiacs for our morning landing at Salisbury Plain.

— Michael Nolan, Staff Photographer

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SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, PLUS PENINSULA VALDÉS & BUENOS AIRES

24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURE: 2011 Oct. 17 2012 Oct 19

PRICES FROM: \$13,780 to \$25,900 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)

TAKE UP TO \$2,000 OFF THE 2011 CABIN FARE on select cabin categories, with a complimentary charter flight (between Ushuaia/Buenos Aires.) Valid on new bookings only. Not combinable with other offers. Call for full details.



King penguins and elephant seals, South Georgia.

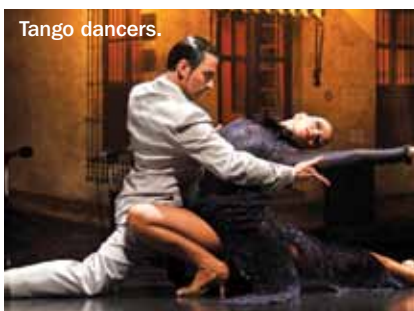
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SEE MASSIVE KING PENGUIN COLONIES ON SOUTH GEORGIA.
- ▶ VISIT THE PENINSULA VALDÉS WITH WORLD-CLASS WHALE EXPERTS.
- ▶ HAVE AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE RICH CULTURE OF BUENOS AIRES.

**DAY 1: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

**DAYS 2-3: BUENOS AIRES/CAESAR
PARK HOTEL**

Check in to the luxurious Caesar Park Hotel in fashionable La Recoleta. We explore the city's cultural heritage, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, the colorful La Boca neighborhood and the eclectic Recoleta cemetery, showing us local history in a snapshot: presidents, artists and influential



Tango dancers.

Argentineans. We experience the Peron story — in buildings, the Evita Museum and the famous balcony. An exclusive event is planned at El Zanjón, the city's



Use your smart-phone to watch our **South Georgia** video. See pg. 72 for details.

finest archaeological venue. Colorfully lit underground tunnels invite a walk, and unveil the city's origins, as we enjoy a wine toast. In bohemian San Telmo we witness another cultural icon: the Tango. A memorable dinner of Argentine beef and wine is paired with a private performance at the city's most authentic tango venue. (Day 3: B,L,D)

DAY 4: BUENOS AIRES/EMBARK SHIP
Today we experience the lifestyle



of the Argentine countryside at a beautiful private ranch. Learn about the history of the 19th-century house and grounds, and savor a typical Argentine barbecue. Our day ends aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-6: AT SEA

Settle in to shipboard life and hear talks from our staff preparing you for the exciting days ahead. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: PENINSULA VALDÉS, PATAGONIA

A UNESCO Site, Peninsula Valdés is a wildlife haven where endangered southern right whales come to breed, mate and calve their young. October is the peak of the migration season, and at this time of year the cows and newborn calves can be seen, often in water as shallow as 15 feet. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AT SEA—SOUTH ATLANTIC (B,L,D)

DAYS 9-10: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Lace up your walking shoes and hike the tussock grass-covered landscape, observing Magellanic penguins emerge from their burrows. See beautiful nesting albatrosses, and compare aperture settings with a National Geographic photographer. Our company's history on the islands ensures you see another side of the Falklands: meeting the rugged, friendly islanders who live in this isolated outpost of the United Kingdom (B,L,D)

DAYS 11-12: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-18: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

South Georgia is the favorite southern destination of nearly all our polar staff. After your first landing, you'll understand their

passion. Walk the wild beaches, yards away from snorting, belching four-ton elephant seals. Hike mountain passes along Shackleton's epic route. And stand in awe, surrounded by 300,000 king penguins. (B,L,D)

DAYS 19-20: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAY 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Visit the photogenic Victorian town of Port Stanley. The town's quaint streets invite us to roam. Hoist a couple at the local pub and stop at the Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: AT SEA

Last chance to linger in the Library, enjoy a Wellness treatment or send e-mails home saying "Don't want this to end." (B,L,D)



DAYS 23-24: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/
DISEMBARK/FLY TO BUENOS AIRES/
OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO U.S. (B,L)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

» Iguazú Falls, Post-voyage

3 Days. See page 62 for details.

» Easter Island, Post-voyage

4 Days. See page 63 for details.

» WATCH A VIDEO PREVIEW AT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/SOUTHGEORGIAVIDEO

Guests get a unique vantage point for photographing king penguins.





National Geographic Explorer reflected in the still polar waters.



ANTARCTICA

In the annals of personal achievement, exploring Antarctica rates high. In previous eras, doing it the hard way was the only way, and suffering got you into the historical record. Fortunately, times have changed; *National Geographic Explorer* is proof positive that exploring doesn't have to require sacrificing. Or that comfort doesn't negate authentic adventure. Safety, once an issue for explorers, is now assured — by *Explorer's* purpose-built construction, and the experience of our veteran Ice Masters. So if you're interested in the prospect of a personal polar achievement, consider the many ways you can make history — experiences shared, photos taken, memorable meals eaten, midnight sun conversations had, and friendships made.

This is what Expedition Photography is all about — taking you to a photogenic geography and helping you capture your experience there. And Antarctica gives you truly singular shooting experiences. The landscape is majestic: icebergs in pools of turquoise, or floating and studded with penguins; black mountains rising straight from the sea; the clean graphics of *Explorer's* wake in the sea ice. And of course, the penguins. Antarctica is the only place on the planet where you can photograph rookeries teeming with thousands of individuals, displaying all kinds of behavior — from nest building in the early season to parenting and other inevitably amusing activities. Their lack of fear allows you to get in close, for amazing portraits. And the sheer numbers of them allow you to capture incredible compositions and panoramas. There's never any worry about missed photo ops: if you know Captains Skog and Kruess, you know you can count on them and the Naturalists to spot every breaching whale, predatory leopard seal, or spectacular berg in the vicinity and bring us in close, so you get your shots. And you can count on the National Geographic Photographer aboard to be at your service — with camera assistance, instruction and shooting tips to help you take your best shots ever. In addition, you'll enjoy our photo talks and "Laptop Gallery" events. So whether or not you consider yourself a "photographer," be sure to pack your camera!

— Ralph Lee Hopkins, Director of Expedition Photography,
National Geographic Photographer

Expedition Team

LISA TROTTER, UNDERSEA SPECIALIST | MICHAEL NOLAN, LINDBLAD PHOTO INSTRUCTOR
KAREN COPELAND, NATURALIST | ERIC GUTH, NATURALIST | CHARLES EDWARD SHAW, NATURALIST



BUD LEHNHAUSEN, EXPEDITION LEADER

With a degree in wildlife biology, Bud Lehnhausen lived in Alaska for 30 years, working for a number of years as a research biologist. Since 1983, Bud has worked as a Naturalist and Expedition Leader with Lindblad Expeditions. During these years he has traveled in the Arctic and Antarctic, temperate and tropical regions of Central and South America, Atlantic Ocean crossings, and the western South Pacific. These numerous voyages over the years have given him a chance to appreciate the diversity of life and cultures, which he finds fascinating.



STEVE MACLEAN

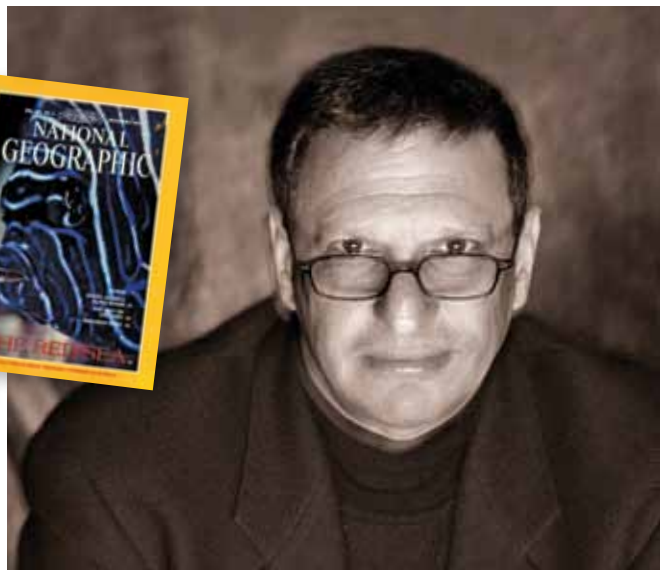
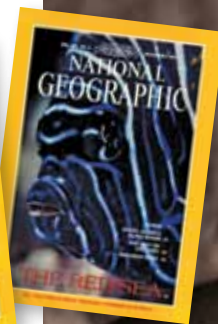
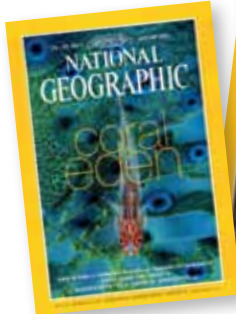
In 1997, Steve MacLean retired from a 26-year tenure at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to spend his time traveling with Lindblad Expeditions, exploring ecosystems from the Arctic to the Antarctic, the tropics to the deserts of Baja California. His research interests include birds, lemmings and, most recently, plant-eating insects in Arctic and sub-Arctic environments. However, he retains a Naturalist's interest in the warmer climates of tropical and desert regions as well. He is most commonly found on hands and knees peering into some small and cryptic part of the natural world.

» EXPEDITION STAFF MAY VARY. FOR BIOS GO TO: WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXPERTBIOS

National Geographic Photographer

DAVID DOUBILET

For more than half his life David Doubilet has spent his days underwater. He took his first underwater photograph off the Jersey Shore when he was 12 years old, using a Brownie Hawkeye camera sealed in a rubber bag. Now, arguably the leading underwater photographer in the world, Doubilet has shot over 60 stories for *National Geographic*. Prized as much for their scientific value as their aesthetic beauty, his photographs are celebrated worldwide. Exploring remote atolls, barrier reefs, and exotic marine life, he has introduced generations to a largely hidden world.



Global Luminaries

EDWARD J. LARSON

Pepperdine University professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Edward Larson's latest book was published in May 2011, *An Empire of Ice: Scott, Shackleton and the Heroic Age of Antarctic Science*. Larson places the famed voyages of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, his British rivals Robert Scott and Ernest Shackleton, and others in a larger scientific, social and geopolitical context in this terrific new history, much enlivened by his own Antarctic travels. Ed will join the Feb. 5, 2013 voyage.



PETER HILLARY

Peter Hillary was born into mountaineering royalty. He's summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents, including Everest, the subject of a National Geographic documentary. He's established a new overland route to the South Pole on an 84-day trek, and is the sole survivor of a storm that claimed seven of his K2 climbing team. Two of the five Ross Sea routes to

the South Pole were established by members of the Hillary family. Peter will return to Antarctica aboard *Explorer* on the Feb. 15, 2013 voyage to *Antarctica, South Georgia & the Falklands*.

DR. KENDRICK TAYLOR

Ken Taylor is a Research Professor with Nevada's Desert Research Institute. He was first drawn to Antarctica in 1981 by a desire to better understand the physics of the Earth, and because it was the biggest blank spot on the globe. Currently he is the Chief Scientist for a project that is investigating the role of greenhouse gases in climate change and the stability of the Antarctic ice sheet. The WAIS Divide ice core project is a decade long effort funded by the National Science Foundation. He will join the Jan. 16 & 26, 2013 voyages.



DAILY EXPEDITION REPORT JAN. 11, 2011

Our skilled Captain took us for a remarkable ice cruise between all the giant tabular and sculptured icebergs. Now all the photographers had to deal with complicated light, blue sky, sparkling sunshine and compound reflections from the sea and ice. A grand challenge itself, to capture the core of Antarctica with a two dimensional camera.

— Magnus Forsberg, Naturalist

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JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2012 Dec 7, 17, 27 2013 Jan 6, 16, 26; Feb 5

PRICES FROM: \$11,740 to \$21,990 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



Guests enjoy an up-close encounter with a Weddell seal.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- EXPLORE ANTARCTICA ABOARD OUR ICE-STRENGTHENED SHIP.
- BENEFIT FROM OUR 40+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE REGION.
- KAYAK PROTECTED WATERS AMONG ICEBERGS AND PENGUINS.

DAYS 1-2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Fly overnight to Buenos Aires and check in to the excellent Caesar Park Hotel. This seductive city set along the Rio de la Plata has been the gateway to

Argentina for centuries. We have a guided overview, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, grand boulevards and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/EMBARK SHIP

The morning's LAN charter flight offers some rare views of Patagonia en route to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city. Take a catamaran

cruise through Patagonia's scenic Beagle Channel. Embark ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA

Awake well into our journey across the Drake Passage, with time to settle in to shipboard life and hear talks from our staff preparing you for the exciting days ahead. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-10: ANTARCTICA

With nearly 24 hours of daylight, we make the most of our six days,



Use your smartphone to watch our [Antarctica](#) video. See pg. 72 for details.



Adélie penguins.



Chinstrap penguin.

keeping a flexible schedule to take advantage of the unexpected — perhaps watching a 40-ton humpback whale surface off the bow. One day, you may take a Zodiac foray amid towering bergs under a bright sun, hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags. And the next, you'll have the thrill of watching the ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You'll learn how climate change

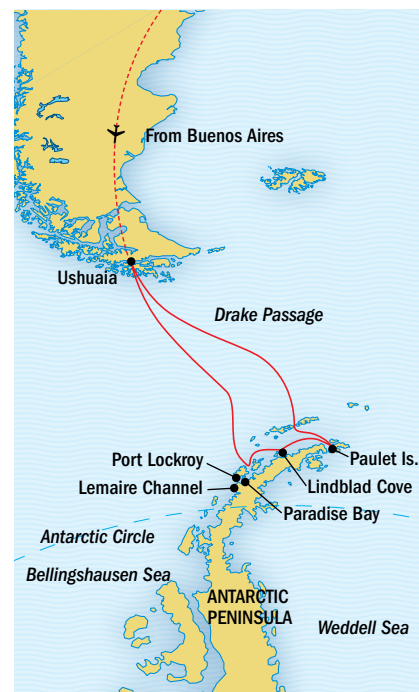
affects the penguin populations and get photo tips from a National Geographic photographer while watching those same penguins. Back aboard, our Undersea Specialist may present video from that day's dive — rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11-12: AT SEA

Enjoy the ship's amenities: have a massage, work out in the gym, savor time in the library, or listen to talks. Celebrate your adventure at our farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-14: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia with time to explore before our LAN charter flight to Buenos Aires. Fly on an overnight flight to the U.S. (B,L)



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

» Iguazú Falls, Post-voyage

3 Days. See page 62 for details.

» Easter Island, Post-voyage

4 Days. See page 63 for details.



Sculpted iceberg.



ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2011 Nov. 6 2012 Feb. **14**, Nov. 7 2013 Feb 15. **Departure in red is sold out.**

PRICES FROM: \$18,990 to \$38,140 (See pages 70-71 for complete prices.)



King penguins, South Georgia.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SEE MASSIVE KING PENGUIN COLONIES ON SOUTH GEORGIA.
- ▶ 40+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ASSURES THE BEST EXPEDITION.
- ▶ EXPERIENCE KAYAKING THE ANTARCTIC ICESCAPES.

DAYS 1-2: U.S./FLY TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA/OVERNIGHT CAESAR PARK HOTEL

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/EMBARK SHIP

Board your LAN charter flight to Ushuaia. Take a catamaran cruise through Patagonia's scenic Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA

Awake well into our journey across

the Drake Passage — a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history — with time to hear talks preparing you for the exciting days ahead. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-10: ANTARCTICA

With nearly 24 hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We'll sail through the incomparable Lemaire



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Channel and land on the "White Continent," exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11-12: ELEPHANT ISLAND/ AT SEA

We pass legendary Elephant Island, an unforgettable part of the Shackleton story, where the crew of *Endurance* finally landed on April 24, 1916. From here, "the Boss" and five men set sail for one of the





A happy guest.

most incredible stories of survival at sea: 800 miles across the Southern Ocean in a 22' long wooden sailboat. As we follow in Shackleton's wake en route to South Georgia, our experts will regale us with his fascinating story. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-17: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

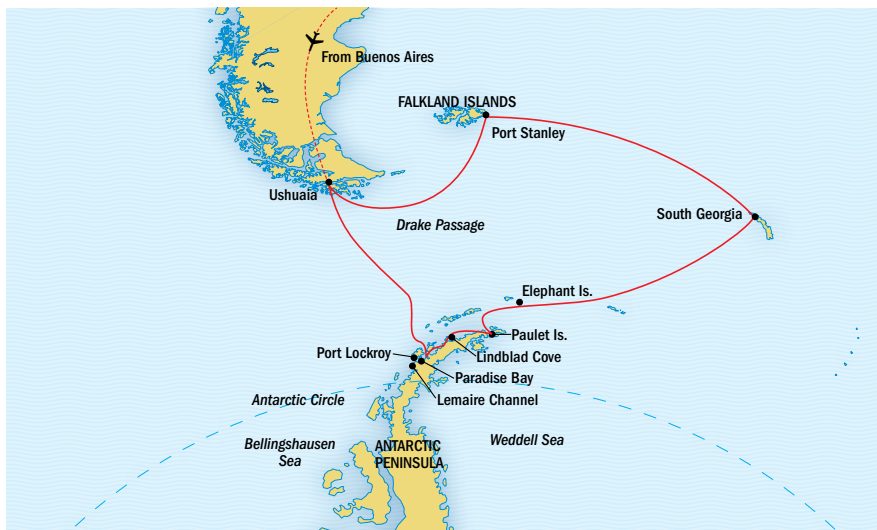
This is the final resting place for explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton and we'll hoist a toast at his gravesite. Teeming wildlife and breathtaking scenery greet our ship. Hundreds of young Antarctic fur seals are on hand as our Zodiacs make landfall. And at the vast penguin colony you'll be surrounded by 300,000 king penguins! (B,L,D)

DAYS 18-19: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 20-21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Falklands boast the largest albatross colony in the world, blue-eyed shags, nesting rockhopper penguins and Magellanic penguins in their green tussock grass burrows. Stroll the photogenic Victorian-style town of Port Stanley and visit the Anglican Cathedral with its archway of whalebones. (B,L,D)

DAY 22: AT SEA (B,L,D)



DAYS 23-24: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/ BUENOS AIRES/U.S.

Disembark in Ushuaia with time to explore before our LAN charter flight to Buenos Aires. Continue on an overnight flight to the U.S. (B,L)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

» Iguazú Falls, Post-voyage

3 Days. See page 62 for details.

» Easter Island, Post-voyage

4 Days. See page 63 for details.

Wandering albatross courtship display, South Georgia.



IGUAZÚ FALLS

OPTIONAL POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

2012/13 PRICES*: \$1,590 per person double occupancy; \$2,150 per person sole occupancy.

*To be added to the voyage cost. Airfares not included. Ask for details. The Iguazú Falls extension can be taken after departures of "Antarctica," South Georgia, the Falklands & Peninsula Valdés," and "Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands," or prior to "Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope." Adds two nights to the voyage.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ GET THRILLING VIEWS OF THE FALLS BY BOAT & ABOVE VIA CATWALK.
- ▶ GUIDED BY OUR NATURALISTS, SEARCH FOR WILDLIFE IN IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK.
- ▶ STAY AT THE ONLY HOTEL WITHIN IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK.

Taller than Niagara, Iguazú Falls is also twice as wide with 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape over nearly two miles of the Iguazú River. Situated in Iguazú National Park in northeastern Argentina, this nature sanctuary is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, owing to its beautiful landscapes and subtropical forest, with 450 species of birds, including

toucans and parrots, and butterflies, orchids and endangered jaguars. We view the Falls from several perspectives: via jetboat at river-level, and high above the rushing waters, immersed in mist, on Naturalist-led walks along a series of catwalk paths. The monumental Devil's Throat (Garganta del Diablo) is the culmination of our experience as the air fills with vapor and water thunders 350 feet down into a river canyon — an incredible display of raw power.

views of the Falls, beginning with a Naturalist-led walk of the Upper Circuit, offering panoramic views of the rushing waters. The catwalk takes us to the awe-inspiring Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), the most impressive falls in the park, where 14 cascades drop 350 feet with such force that there is always a 100-foot cloud of spray overhead. Watch for the rainbow! We take a catwalk that leads to river level, where we board small boats for a ride over water rapids. We'll then check-in to the Sheraton Hotel, the only hotel within Iguazú National Park, where we've reserved rooms with stunning views of the Falls. This evening we soak up the views at a cocktail party on the veranda, followed by dinner. (B,L,D)



Iguazú Falls.

DAY 1: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/ DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES

Disembark our ship in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for our flight to Buenos Aires, where we transfer to the luxurious Caesar Park Hotel. This seductive city set along the Rio de La Plata has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. Settle into your hotel, conveniently located in the fashionable Recoleta district with its shops and galleries, and have dinner at your leisure. (B)

DAY 2: IGUAZÚ FALLS & DEVIL'S THROAT

After our short flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazú, we take a 15-minute bus ride directly into the National Park. Today we have close-up

DAY 3: IGUAZU NATIONAL PARK/ BUENOS AIRES/HOME

Join us for a morning walk to Sendero Macuco, a forest trail where we hope to spot birdlife, especially toucans, and learn about the sub-tropical forest from our Naturalist. It will be a good opportunity to get some exercise, too. This afternoon, we'll fly back to Buenos Aires and connect to an overnight flight to the U.S. (B,L)

EASTER ISLAND OPTIONAL POST-VOYAGE EXTENSION

4 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

2012/13 PRICES: \$2,890 per person double occupancy; \$3,460 per person sole occupancy.

To be added to the voyage cost. Chilean immigration fee, all airfares are not included.

NOTE: Due to airline schedules, on select departures the extension spends an additional night in Santiago. Additional costs will apply. Ask for details.

The Easter Island extension can be taken after select departures of "Antarctica," "South Georgia, the Falklands & Peninsula Valdés, plus Buenos Aires" and "Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands." Adds 4 days/4 nights to the voyage.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SEE THE 100-TON STONE STATUES & CEREMONIAL SITE SET ON A VOLCANIC CRATER.
- ▶ VISIT THE RESEARCH CENTER WITH ARCHAEOLOGIST EDMUNDO EDWARDS.
- ▶ SHARE IN POLYNESIAN TRADITIONS AT DINNER AT A PRIVATE HOME.

Follow your Antarctica expedition with a visit to one of the most mysterious places on Earth — Easter Island. Home to silent sentinels of a long-lost culture, this tiny island is located 2,300 miles west of Chile in the Pacific Ocean and almost 1,200 miles from its nearest island neighbor. Learn about the ancient Rapa Nui culture that grew up in isolation. Where did these people come from and why did they carve more than 600 giant *moai* or stone statues? Learn from key Archaeologists Edmundo Edwards and Claudio Cristino who have worked on uncovering these great relics.



Santiago, Chile.



Giant *moais* (stone statues), Easter Island.

DAY 1: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/SANTIAGO

Today we disembark *National Geographic Explorer* in Ushuaia and fly to Santiago, where we check in to our hotel. (B,L)

DAY 2: SANTIAGO, CHILE

This morning you may explore Chile's sophisticated capital before we fly to Easter Island and check in to the fine Antiplanico Hotel, our base for the next three nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 3-4: EASTER ISLAND

Visit the Tahai archaeological complex and museum to learn about the prehistory of the island, and the Rano Kau ceremonial site

of Orongo, sited magnificently at the very edge of a volcanic crater. Explore Ahu Te Pito Kura, Punapau red stone quarry and Ahu Akivi, one of the latest constructions on the island, with seven moai 14 feet tall. See Rano Raraku, where most of the stone statues were carved. Visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest ceremonial altar in Polynesia. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: EASTER ISLAND/SANTIAGO

We have the morning to continue our explorations of Easter Island before our flight to Santiago, connecting to home-bound flights. (B,L)

DAY 6: ARRIVE U.S.



SAVOR THE ESSENCE OF EACH REGION WE EXPLORE

Our Hotel Manager and Head Chef are integral to every expedition – as important to the intricate calculus of happiness aboard ship as the Expedition Leader and the Captain. Their ability to respond flexibly keeps our vital expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak. You can eagerly rush to the deck for a spontaneous dinner hour wildlife sighting, without worry that it's wreaking havoc in the kitchen. Dinner will still be superb. Like the ship's connectedness to the outdoors, each meal is a window of sorts, reflecting the local cuisine through fresh ingredients sourced locally from providers who act sustainably. Whether you're hiking the tussock grasses in the Falklands to see nesting black-browed albatross, or admiring Riga's Art Nouveau buildings, you're building an appetite – for food, comfort and personal service – these team members are dedicated to satisfying. And, as you know, the Dining Room team will be, as always, completely at your service. From Gaylord's familiar and welcome "Good Morning, Ladies and Gentleman" to his "Good Evening," their kind, attentive and characteristic ability to remember your unique preferences, will ensure your contentment three times a day.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER'S AMENITIES

- ✓ **Dining Room** Contains banquettes and table configurations ranging from parties of 2 to up to 12
- ✓ **Bistro Bar** Smaller, more intimate; includes a piano, drinks and cappuccino bar
- ✓ **Accommodations** 81 outside cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies and 14 solo cabins with feather duvets, white terry robes, hair dryers
- ✓ **Global Gallery** High quality handicrafts from global artisans; sundries and gear
- ✓ **LEXspa** For relaxing massages and body treatments. Includes sauna, shower, towels and robes, a Wellness Specialist, two treatment rooms
- ✓ **Fitness Center** Equipped with freeweights, stretch bands, balance balls, treadmill, elliptical and a stationary bike
- ✓ **Mud Room** With open lockers for convenient stowage of boots, parkas, hats, weather gear, etc
- ✓ **Library, Observation Lounge, Internet Cafe, Laundry, Full-time Doctor**

Above: Head Chef, Michael Westelius runs a creative, collaborative kitchen. The buffet-style breakfasts and lunches brim with healthy options from wholesome to indulgent. And the strikingly-plated dinner entrées dazzle daily. Left: Hotel Manager Henrik Ahlberg



PERFECT ENDINGS TO ACTIVE DAYS

Explorer's private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, her 81 cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins are inviting and rewarding — with deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets and thick terry robes. All cabins feature flat screen TVs with movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from our remote-controlled crow's nest camera and our electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with Ethernet connections, plugs for laptops and phone or camera chargers.

» TO VIEW A VIDEO TOUR OF *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*,
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Top left: Upper Deck cabin with balcony. Bottom left and right: Suite bathroom (see page 71 for standard bathroom) and section of suite with balcony. At right, generously proportioned cabins all include Ethernet connections, and plugs for laptops and chargers for phones and cameras.



From top right: A classic Swedish sauna makes the Wellness Spa a perfect place to end an active day. Massages and body treatments are the ideal counterpoint to walking, hiking, bicycling, kayaking or a good workout — and a perfect way to take advantage of transit time at sea.



THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

National Geographic Explorer



Use your smart-
phone to watch
our **NG Explorer**
video. See pg. 72
for details.

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 newest addition to the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an Ice-1A Super on the forward hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An Undersea Specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro Bar; Chart Room; Restaurant; Global Gallery; Library, Lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows 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.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with one or two Portholes
#301-308

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with Window #317-320, 335-336

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck with Window #313-316, 321-328,
337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

CATEGORY 4: Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104,
107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216,
218, 220-222, 224

CATEGORY 6: Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102;
Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #213

CATEGORY 7: Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230

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

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, Crow's Nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, Undersea Specialist, National Geographic Photographer, LEX Photo Specialist and Video Chronicler, Internet café and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a glass-enclosed Fitness Center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms and Sauna.

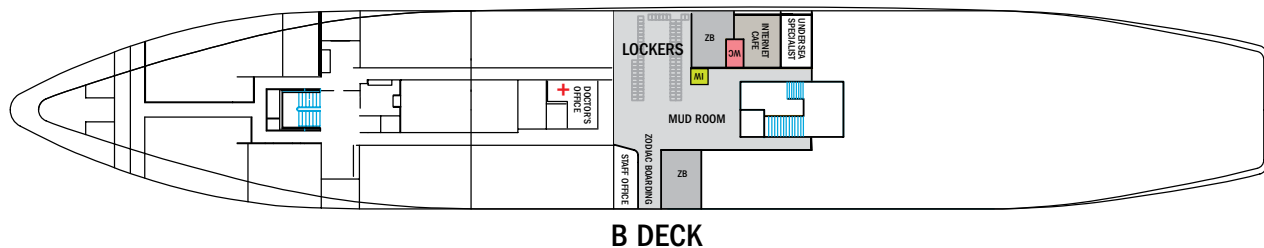
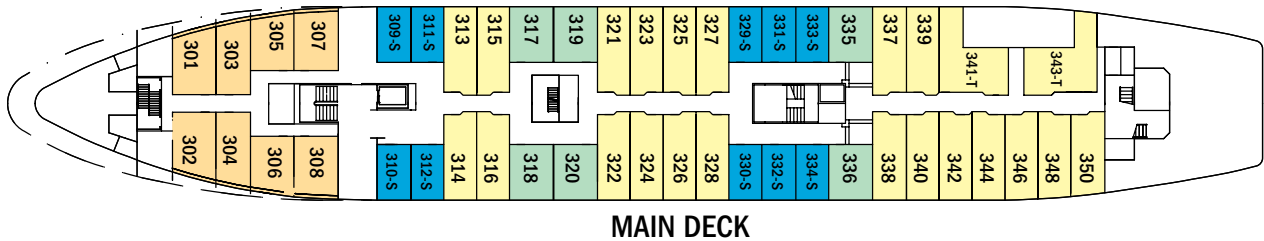
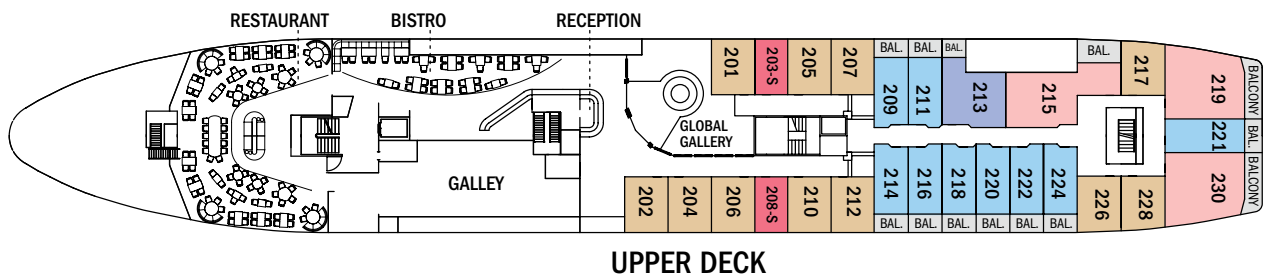
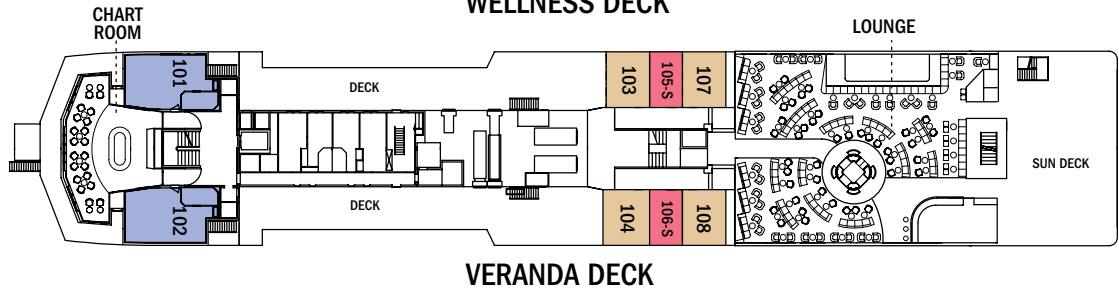
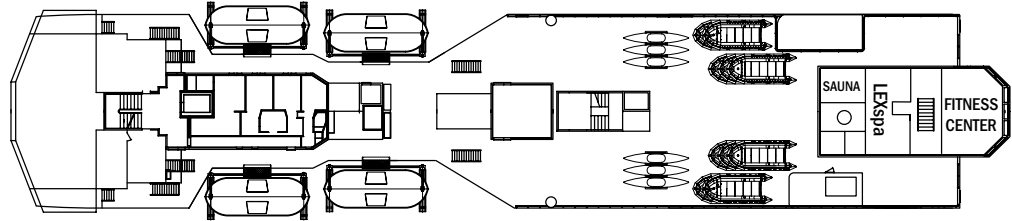
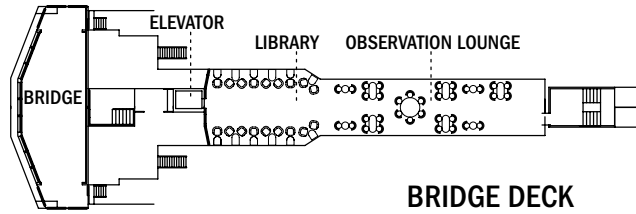
CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Main Deck with Window #309-312,
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CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with Window
#105-106, 203, 208

CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with Window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306 — These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed. Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 2 and 3. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate.



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ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5
Cape Horn to the Cape of Good Hope - Page 8	2012	\$11,690	\$12,380	\$12,990	\$13,590	\$15,690
West Africa Odyssey – Page 14	2012	\$28,480	\$29,990	\$31,190	\$33,950	\$38,780
British & Irish Isles – Page 20	2012	\$10,380	\$10,990	\$11,390	\$11,870	\$14,170
Land of the Ice Bears – Page 26	2012	\$8,240	\$8,790	\$9,120	\$9,670	\$11,430
Norway's Fjords & Arctic Svalbard – Page 34	2012	\$11,740	\$12,390	\$12,990	\$ 13,990	\$15,990
The Baltic's Historic Waterways – Page 40	2012	\$12,990	\$13,990	\$14,690	\$15,930	\$17,990
European Odyssey – Page 46	2012	\$13,850	\$14,770	\$15,490	\$16,120	\$19,230
South Georgia, the Falklands & Peninsula Valdés – Page 52	2011 + 2012	\$13,780	\$14,590	\$15,330	\$15,950	\$19,380
Antarctica – Page 58	2012/13	\$11,740	\$12,390	\$12,850	\$13,760	\$16,490
Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands – Page 60	2011	\$18,990	\$20,170	\$21,190	\$22,120	\$26,850
	2012/13	\$19,940	\$21,380	\$22,460	\$23,220	\$28,460



Photos left to right: Our Chefs cook with fresh, local ingredients like this catch of the day; example of a suite with balcony; learn about navigation in the Chart Room; example of a Main Deck cabin with window; relaxing on deck; spacious solo cabins are available on all decks; standard bathrooms are stocked with amenities.

CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. 2 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
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\$22,220	\$25,410	\$18,460	\$19,360	\$1,000	Sample Airfares: Newark/Copenhagen, Lisbon/Newark: Economy from \$1,250; Business from \$3,980.
\$22,350	\$25,900	\$18,240	\$19,160	\$1,500	Includes two hotel nights in Buenos Aires. Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,390; Business from \$4,295. One-way charter air Ushuaia/Buenos Aires: \$345.
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