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Inspiring people to explore and care about the planet

Dear Traveler,

There are endless possibilities out there competing for your free time, so my primary purpose here is to provide you with a better understanding of who we are and how you might explore your possibilities with us further.

First of all, we are a pure expedition travel company, focusing all of our energy on creating ship-based expeditions. We operate thirteen ships ranging from 12 to 148 guests, and we cover a good part of the globe from the polar waters of Antarctica and the Arctic to the treasures of ancient Egypt along the Nile, and from Southeast Alaska to the Galápagos Islands.

We've been doing it for a long time. Our company, Lindblad Expeditions, began in 1979 as a division of Lindblad Travel, which dated back to 1958. My father, who founded Lindblad Travel, had a very clear vision long before his time: bring people to the special places in the world, give them a great time and great leadership and these travelers will, as a consequence, be in the forefront of protecting the integrity of these places.

This brochure represents a sampling of our favorite and most popular destinations. Join us and learn about our legacy of experience, our partnership with National Geographic, our extraordinary staff, and how on every voyage nearly everything is included.

I hope you enjoy exploring the following pages. As many of you already know, expedition travel is not only inspiring, it's great fun too.

All the best,

Sven-Olof Lindblad
President, Lindblad Expeditions

P.S. For more information on all of our journeys, to read about our field staff, to see a Daily Expedition Report or to view our videos captured live in the field, check out www.expeditions.com.





10 Reasons to Join the World's Richest Expedition Experience

You deserve the highest quality experience when you invest in an expedition, and we offer expeditions in the truest sense of the word. You'll get up close to see, learn and understand each destination. Mind, body and spirit — you'll be fully and actively engaged.

1. THE FINEST EXPEDITION TEAM ON THE PLANET

You'll discover more (and have more fun) because our expedition staff are deeply knowledgeable, have an *esprit de corps* that's contagious, and a passion to share their expertise.

2. FLEXIBLE APPROACH

We're ready to diverge from an itinerary if an opportunity comes along, such as sighting a pod of whales, or coming across a village festival. We're always looking for the unexpected.

3. ZODIAC LANDING CRAFT

These motorized inflatable boats mean freedom — we can seek out wildlife or discover a place where yours are the only

footprints. You're not tied to established ports of call.

4. EXPEDITION KAYAKS

We have plenty on board so you can discover a penguin colony in Antarctica or see the Sea of Cortez in Baja at elbow-height. If you've never kayaked before, don't worry — we'll show you how.

5. SNORKELING & DIVING

You can delve into a world beneath the surface of the sea that's as interesting as the one above the water, because our ships carry snorkeling gear. In certain regions we offer scuba diving as well.

6. EXPLORING THE UNDERSEA WORLD

On board technology brings vibrant

images of the undersea to you in the ship's lounge. Depending on the voyage, we'll employ an underwater video camera; an "ROV" — Remotely Operated Vehicle — to explore deeper than it's possible to dive; a video microscope; a crow's nest camera, a bow camera, "SplashCam" and hydrophones.

7. PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Scientists often work on board our ships such as Oceanites conducting a wildlife census in Antarctica, or National Geographic's "Cittercam" project.



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8. INSPIRED CUISINE

Your options range from regional specialties to classic “comfort food.” Food is, after all, a cultural experience, and so we believe it should reflect the expedition.

9. RECAP

At evening “Recap,” a long-standing Lindblad tradition, we’ll discuss the day’s events — frequently a vibrant dialog among guests and staff — and prepare you for things to come.

10. INTERESTING GUESTS

You’ll find you have a lot in common with your fellow guests: curiosity and the spirit that produces camaraderie, great conversation and often, lasting friendships.

A Great Expedition: Putting Together the Ingredients

What does all this mean to you?

You’ll go behind the scenes and explore places that others miss.

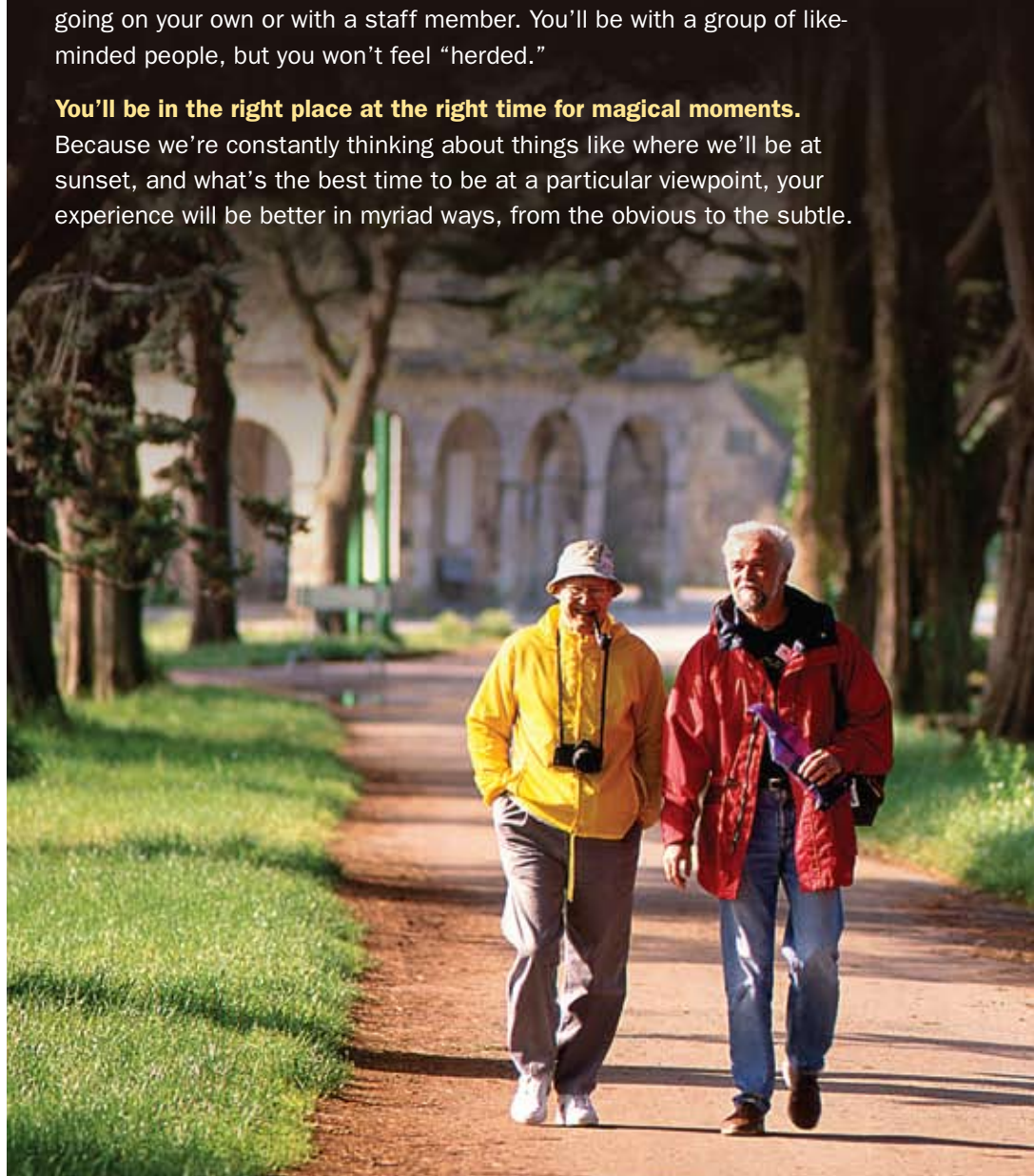
We draw on the expertise of lots of people: our Expedition Leaders, Naturalists and Historians, National Geographic staff, and local residents. Their combined knowledge and passion means you’ll see and do more, and use your time better.

You have appealing choices.

You can create the journey that’s just right for you. On every expedition, there are personal choices: taking a longer or a shorter walk, exploring different parts of a region, strolling through a village or taking a swim, going on your own or with a staff member. You’ll be with a group of like-minded people, but you won’t feel “herded.”

You’ll be in the right place at the right time for magical moments.

Because we’re constantly thinking about things like where we’ll be at sunset, and what’s the best time to be at a particular viewpoint, your experience will be better in myriad ways, from the obvious to the subtle.







What's Included on Our Expeditions?

It's an important question because what we offer is not inexpensive.

We include just about everything you have the opportunity to do as part of your expedition with us, both aboard and ashore. The only things not included are those of a personal nature, or that interest a limited number of people — alcohol, an occasional meal ashore where we feel you would prefer choices, tips to crew, wellness treatments, and certain specialized arrangements such as flightseeing over glaciers.

You could literally go on our voyages with not a dollar in your pocket and have a perfectly excellent experience, taking advantage of everything we offer. When you look at the alternatives and add up the real costs, our expeditions are an extremely good value.

If you'd like to review what's included in more detail, turn to Reservation Information on page 52.





Lindblad Expeditions & National Geographic:

Inspiring People to Explore and Care About the Planet

National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions have formed a multifaceted strategic alliance that combines the strengths of two pioneers in exploration and travel, making it possible for more individuals to become active, engaged explorers. With National Geographic as our partner, bringing the planet's most remote, pristine and even endangered destinations to more travelers, with an eye toward exploring and even helping to

conserve these places for future generations, is a dream come true. We can now incorporate the best scientific and technological innovation in all aspects of our expeditions, from underwater cameras and other undersea technologies to engaging our guests in ongoing research to enhancing our local conservation efforts. This is clearly a case of one plus one equaling as much as we both can imagine.



Your Expedition Team

Their knowledge and enthusiasm make all the difference in the world.

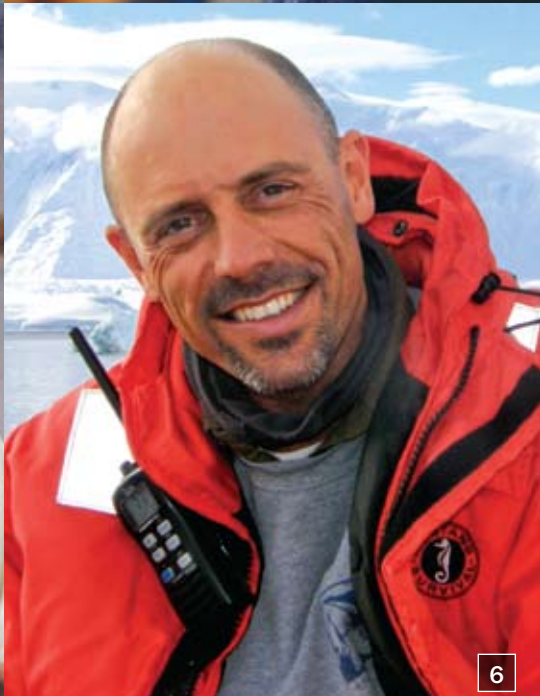
Our staff members are hugely knowledgeable in their fields, and in many cases are ranking authorities. But they're not remote "guest lecturers." Rather, they're terrific travel companions, always there for discussion, casual conversation, a walk ashore or a meal together.

And your expedition will be generously staffed, with a guest-to-staff ratio of 15 to 1 or better — meaning you'll have plenty of one-to-one interaction.

Please read through the itinerary pages to see portraits of some of our Expedition Team members. If you'd like to know who'll accompany your journey, names and biographies are posted on the itinerary pages of our web site, WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM.



1. Naturalist, Karen Copland; 2. Expedition Leader, Tom Ritchie;
3. Captain, Leif Skog; 4. Expedition Leader, Lucho Verdesoto;
5. Expedition Leader, Emma Ridley; 6. Naturalist, Richard White;
7. Naturalist, Linda Burback; 8. Expedition Leader, Tom O'Brien;
9. Naturalist, Larry Hobbs.



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Your Virtual Road to Adventure!



We have designed our web site to be full of “news you can use,”
to give you the information you need to plan your expedition.



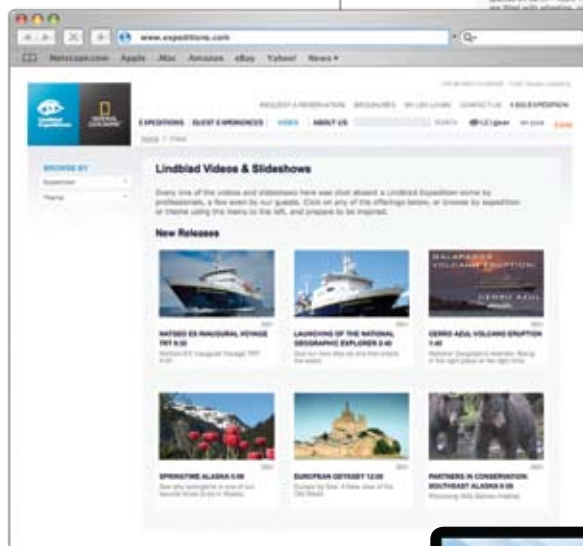
1 Expedition Itineraries... Where to Go, What's Included and What's New

Ready to plan, and to dream about far-off places? Lindblad Expeditions' web site includes what you need. You'll find full itineraries of our journeys (including the brand-new ones that aren't yet in brochures), information about what it's like to be aboard our ships, descriptions of the places we explore and downloadable brochures. To help you get ready, there are reading lists and tips on what to pack. Would you like to know which expedition staff members will be there to inform you? You'll find that too. Please visit **WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM**.



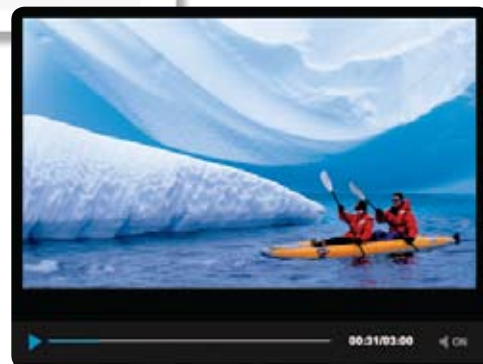
2 Video

Most of our expeditions have Video Chroniclers aboard, to help preserve the memorable moments for you. The footage they've recorded is often remarkable, and you'll find lots of great viewing in the Video section. Kayak in the Sea of Cortez, watch an Antarctic sunrise, or witness rare wildlife sightings such as an orca "training session" we captured during a recent Antarctic season. There's much to browse and explore — you can spend a lot of pleasurable time watching. Please see **WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/VIDEO**.



3 Daily Reports from the Field

Back in 1999, before the word "blog" had even been coined, we began posting Daily Expedition Reports to our web site, as they were received from our ships. The "DERs" continue to this day. They show you exactly what's happening on our expeditions, day by day, so you can get an idea of what might come to pass on your journey. It's all there: remarkable wildlife sightings, rare events, and what happened as it happened.



LOOK FOR THE **EXPLORE MORE** ON THE WEB BOXES APPEARING THROUGHOUT THIS BROCHURE FOR SHORTCUTS TO FINDING INFORMATION ON OUR WEB SITE.



Galápagos – As Close As You Can Get To The Extraordinary

Few places spark the imagination quite like the Galápagos — and for so many unforgettable reasons. Nowhere else can you experience up close encounters with remarkable animals like giant tortoises, marine iguanas, flightless cormorants, blue-footed boobies, Galápagos penguins, and sea lions galore. Even more exceptional is the behavior of the wildlife, which lives without fear of humans — an otherworldly experience. Observing these creatures close up is much like a conversation. You can let your binoculars rest at your side as the animals come to you and you go to them.

We've found that the contagious passion of our Naturalists along with the playful energy of the wildlife seems to elicit the child in everyone, making Galápagos a great destination for families. And with a Video Chronicler documenting every voyage, you and your family can relive the memories at home for years to come.

You will travel in the company of an experienced expedition team consisting of specially trained Naturalists and an Expedition Leader. They lead us as we swim, snorkel, kayak and hike among the wildlife of these enchanted islands.

In 1967, Lars-Eric Lindblad became the first adventurer to bring nonscientific expeditions here. Since then, we have continued to explore the Galápagos, deepening our relationship and commitment to its well-being each year.

Today, with two ships based here full-time — each offering year-round weekly departures — there is never an “off-season” when planning a trip to the Galápagos.

Facing page, clockwise from top left: snorkeler with Galápagos penguin; sea lion; photographer and giant tortoise; marine iguana. Top: red-throated frigate bird in flight.

Lindblad Expeditions in the Galápagos

INSPIRED EXPEDITION TEAM: We offer the expertise and companionship of an expedition team consisting of Naturalists and an experienced Expedition Leader. There's also a Video Chronicler on all voyages to document your daily activities.

LOCAL RECOGNITION: In February 2008, the municipality of Puerto Ayora, the largest town in Galápagos, and the people of Galápagos presented Sven-Olof Lindblad with an award for being the person who has done the most for the conservation of the islands and wildlife.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE MARINE

EXPERIENCE: We offer complimentary wet suits, mask, fins, snorkel and kayaks on all of our Galápagos voyages.

UNDERWATER VIDEO: Exploring the undersea world is so gratifying that our Naturalists take an underwater video camera below the surface to capture its astonishing profusion of life.

OUR CONSERVATION EFFORTS: With the support of our guests, we have raised more than \$4 million to date to promote the restoration of the archipelago and support essential conservation work including eradication of major threats to tortoises and other endemic species.


Galápagos

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS — YEAR-ROUND EXPEDITIONS

Departing weekly every Friday aboard *National Geographic Polarís** and every Saturday aboard *National Geographic Islander*.

PRICES FROM: \$4,740 to \$8,720 (See pages 46-48 for complete prices.)

Receive a \$500 Air Credit on select departures. Please call for details.

 Photo Expeditions May 8, 15; Nov. 20, 27, 2009

*Beginning with the May 1, 2009 voyage, *National Geographic Endeavour* will replace *National Geographic Polarís*.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPERIENCE A PLACE WHERE ANIMALS LIVE WITHOUT FEAR OF HUMANS.
- ▶ HAVE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH GIANT TORTOISES AND OTHER FASCINATING CREATURES.
- ▶ VISIT THE CHARLES DARWIN RESEARCH STATION AND LEARN ABOUT CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

The Expedition Team delights in introducing the wildlife of the Galápagos to you.

EXPEDITION LEADER: For her doctoral research, Lynn Fowler (right) spent more than a year living among giant tortoises on the rim of one of Isabela Island's volcanos.



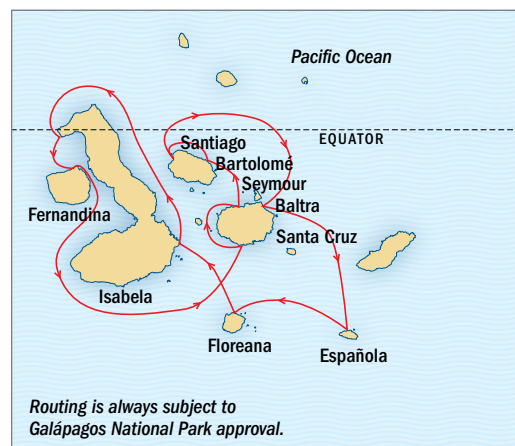
EXPEDITION LEADER & NATURALIST:

Luis Verdesoto (left), known to everyone as "Lucho," is a marine biologist who expanded his underwater interests by becoming a dive master.

EXPEDITION LEADER & NATURALIST: Carlos Romero, a zoologist by training, has studied his favorite animal and become a specialist in the unusual field of bats.

NATURALIST: Since childhood, Gilda Gonzalez's favorite subject has been biology; her dream job has been realized as a Naturalist in Galápagos.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.



DAYS 3 – 8 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS:

Although exact routing depends on the National Park Service, we may visit the following islands: (B,L,D)

BARTOLOMÉ: This is an enchanting landscape where lava, mangroves and golden sand converge. Great walks and views abound, with a chance to snorkel with Galápagos penguins.



Blue-footed booby.

We have been exploring the Galápagos Islands for 40 years. Today, with two ships based here full time, year-round expeditions have enabled us to foster relationships of great mutual respect and collaboration with various wildlife constituencies of Galápagos. Our team of Naturalists utilize underwater video, a Splash-Cam and video microscopes to provide the richest possible understanding of the abundant wildlife.

DAY 1: U.S./GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Depart U.S. and arrive in Guayaquil by late evening. Overnight at Hotel Hilton Colón.

DAY 2: GUAYAQUIL/GALÁPAGOS/ EMBARK

This morning, fly to Galápagos and embark. During lunch, sail to North Seymour Island for a magnificent introduction to the wildlife. Walk the island's sandy shoreline looking for land iguanas, sea lions, and unusual birds. (B,L,D)



Photos left to right: frigate birds; snorkel among curious sea lions; the giant tortoise, a prehistoric presence in Galápagos.

SANTIAGO: Santiago offers close encounters with Galápagos fur seals along with an opportunity to study the inhabitants of the island's countless tide pools.



Snorkeling at Pinnacle Rock, Bartolomé.

SANTA CRUZ: Learn about vital preservation work being done at the Charles Darwin Research Station. Then, head up into the highlands to roam the moss-draped landscape where wild giant tortoises forage.

ISABELA: Walk the streets of the picturesque port of Puerto Villamil and nearby saltwater lagoons. Explore Isabela's caves, shoreline, and stroll along a beautiful beach.

FERNANDINA: This is the youngest island in the Galápagos. Discover the marine iguana haven of Punta Espinoza and take in the dramatic backdrop of Isabela's volcanoes off in the distance.

FLOREANA: Snorkel among sea lions in the clear waters off Champion Islet. We may also find flamingos, pintail ducks and various shorebirds. Hike to a pristine white-sand beach, a favorite nesting site for sea turtles.

ESPAÑOLA: The exclusive home to waved albatross (Apr. – Dec.) and particularly colorful marine iguanas, Española is also a paradise for Darwin's finches, sea lions galore, and the famous blue-footed boobies. Snorkel and stroll along the island's lovely beaches.

DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/DISEMBARK/ GUAYAQUIL

Disembark and fly to Guayaquil.

Late afternoon and evening are free to explore the bustling port city. Overnight at Hotel Hilton Colón. (B)

DAY 10: GUAYAQUIL/HOME

Morning drive to the airport for flights home or on to other adventures. (B)

Optional Extension Quito, Post-voyage

Extend your journey with one or more nights in Quito and half or full-day tours. Please call for details.

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A sea lion pup on the beach.



Galápagos + Peru's Land of the Inca

16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC POLARIS & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR

Year-round, weekly departures following Galápagos aboard *National Geographic Polaris*.*

PRICES FROM: \$8,160 to \$11,060 (See pages 46 & 48 for complete prices.)

Receive a \$500 Air Credit on select departures. Please call for details.

*Beginning with the May 1, 2009 voyage, *National Geographic Endeavour* will replace *National Geographic Polaris*.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ WALK AND SNORKEL AMONG THE ABUNDANT AND FEARLESS WILDLIFE OF GALAPAGOS.
- ▶ SEE DAYBREAK OVER THE RUINS AT MACHU PICCHU FROM THE FABLED SUN GATE.
- ▶ DISCOVER CUSCO'S VARIED INFLUENCES AND VISIT THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA.

The Expedition Team looks forward to revealing Incan culture to you.



LOCAL EXPERT: Ernesto Ore (left) shares his broad base of knowledge to create a memorable exploration of Peru's exquisite countryside and cuisine. And he'll describe his particular talent for incorporating modern life while holding on to ancient ideas and values.

LOCAL EXPERT: A native Cusqueño, Harvey Martinez hopes one day to re-write the "Spanish history of the Incas" into the "Inca history of the Incas."

LOCAL EXPERT: As a Peruvian Air Force helicopter crew member, Karina Terrazas traveled throughout the Andes and jungles of South America. Conversant in her native Quechua, she has deep pride in her country's history and people.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date.



Quechua girl, Cusco.

As magnificent as the Galápagos Islands are for wildlife, so is Peru from an historical and archaeological perspective. Take advantage of Peru's proximity to the Galápagos and journey from the islands to Lima, where expert guides join you for an exploration of the Sacred Valley of the Inca and the majesty of Machu Picchu and the winding colonial streets of Cusco.

FRIDAY, DAY 1 – FRIDAY, DAY 8:

As per Galápagos itinerary on pages 14-15.

SATURDAY, DAY 9: GALÁPAGOS/ GUAYAQUIL/LIMA, PERU

Depart Galápagos this morning and fly to Lima, Peru via Guayaquil, arriving in early evening. Overnight at the Orient Express Miraflores Park Hotel. (B)

SUNDAY, DAY 10: LIMA/CUSCO/ SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

This morning fly from Lima to Cusco and drive to Awanacancha, a farm where South American camelidae are bred. Visit Pisac, the gateway to the Sacred Valley, and walk through the local food market

before visiting its ruins. Check into the Sol y Luna Hotel. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, DAY 11: SACRED VALLEY OF THE INCA

Visit the massive Inca stone fortress of Ollantaytambo. In the afternoon, choose from horseback riding, a spa treatment, Paso horse demonstration and other activities. Dinner is an outdoor event at our hotel, complete with a campfire, barbecue and a vibrant dance performance. (B,L,D)



Photos left to right: Peruvian wild corn; La Compañía Church, built 1571, Cusco; Peruvian woman by the Incan walls of Cusco.

TUESDAY, DAY 12: SACRED VALLEY/ MACHU PICCHU

Continue from the valley to Machu Picchu. We'll have a guided introduction to the site and then stay overnight at the 31-room Orient Express Sanctuary Lodge, which means you'll share Machu Picchu with only a handful of visitors. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, DAY 13: MACHU PICCHU/CUSCO

Before sunrise, hike to the Sun Gate, the ancient final checkpoint

to Machu Picchu, and watch day break over the quiet ruins. The morning is free to explore. After a train and bus ride we arrive in Cusco in the late afternoon for two nights at the Orient Express Monasterio Hotel. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, DAY 14: CUSCO

Explore the Inca Empire's capital city of Cusco and visit the vast Sacsayhuamán Fortress. The afternoon is open to stroll around the city. Relax, shop or visit one of the museums or convents including

the magnificent 17th-century cathedral and convent of Koricancha. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

FRIDAY, DAY 15: CUSCO/LIMA

Return to Lima and visit the Larco Herrera Museum and stroll the Plaza Mayor. Lunch is traditional Latin American style. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

SATURDAY, DAY 16: LIMA/HOME (B)

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Clockwise from left: Machu Picchu; terraces in the Sacred Valley; alpaca.



The Bridge Between Two Continents: Explore Panama & Costa Rica

Take your pick of tropical pleasures — teeming rain forest, cool cloud forest, hot volcanoes, sugar-sand beaches, and add a uniquely crafted transit of the legendary Panama Canal. Now, you're beginning to get the picture of our Costa Rica & Panama expeditions. Voyage along the inaccessible Osa Peninsula in our expedition ship, *Sea Voyager*. Explore the sky-high primary growth forests of Monteverde. Experience the "dry forest" and live volcano action of Arenal. The habitat here supports over 300 species of birds, including brilliant toucans and scarlet macaws. See the wildlife of the region: spider, howler and capuchin monkeys, and sloths and coatimundis. Central America offers visual splendors, but Costa Rica adds an additional element — nearly 30% of its land has been turned into national parks and wildlife refuges. Hence the term, *pura vida*! Diversity and delight: great reasons to choose Central America. Costa Rica and Panama are remarkably diverse in landscape, wildlife and culture — whetting our appetites and providing virtually unlimited opportunities to explore some of the best-preserved natural treasures in the world. Kayak, hike, climb and cruise through some of the world's most marvelous landscapes.



Photos clockwise from top left: Heliconia inflorescence; scarlet macaw; squirrel monkey; elevated foot bridge, Monteverde. Above: Blue morpho butterfly.

Some experiences that define our Panama & Costa Rica expeditions

PANAMA CANAL. Pass through the legendary Panama Canal. Hear the clanking electric mules fire up at our approach. See the line-handlers prepare their throws. Slice across the land bridging two continents.

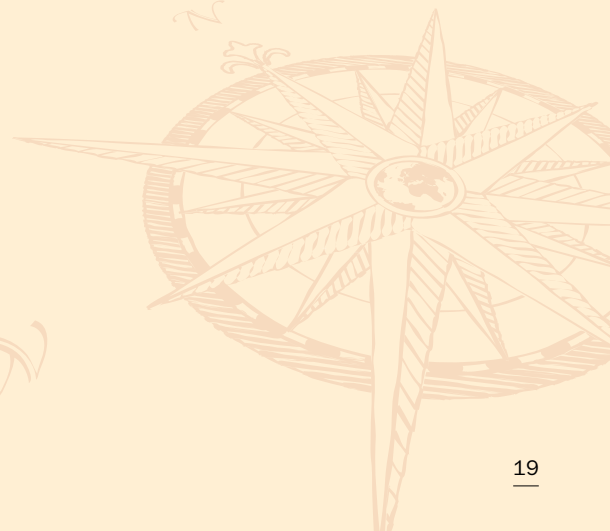
BARRO COLORADO. We are the only passenger ship permitted to overnight during our Canal transit to explore the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute at Barro Colorado. Also learn about the Automated Radio Telemetry work conducted here with support from National Geographic — tracking monkeys, ocelots, sloths, agoutis, toucans and hawks.

ISLA COIBA. A jewel in Panama's national park system, Isla Coiba is an explorer's delight. Perfect for swimming and snorkeling amid tropical fish, and hikes in the tropical forest.

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK.

Vividly colored birds flit overhead as our Naturalists lead rain forest treks. Walk on a pristine beach; look for sloths and monkeys along rain forest trails.

OSA PENINSULA. Being able to discover the treasures here is an explorer's dream. Only accessible by ship, this remote peninsula offers rain forest treks, horseback riding, cool swims and wildlife sightings.



The Panama Canal & the Wonders of Costa Rica

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS — SEA VOYAGER

DEPARTURES: 2009 Jan. 3, 10*, 17, 24*, 31; Feb. 7*, 14, 21*, 28; Mar. 7*, 14, 21*, 28;

Oct. 3*, 10, 17*, 24, 31*; Nov. 7, 21, 28*; Dec. 5, 12📷*, 19, 26. *These departures travel from San José to Panama City. 📷 Photo Expedition.

PRICES FROM: \$4,660 to \$7,880 (See page 50 for complete prices.)

Departures in green offer a \$500 air credit.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK OFFERS A WALK IN THE RAIN FOREST AND SWIMMING FROM A PRISTINE BEACH.
- ▶ AT ISLA COIBA, A WORLD HERITAGE SITE, EXPERIENCE OUTSTANDING SNORKELING.
- ▶ EXPLORE THE REMOTE OSA PENINSULA FOR HORSEBACK RIDING AND A WATERFALL SWIM.

The most experienced staff in Costa Rica & Panama.

EXPEDITION LEADER: Costa Rican Gustavo Abarca (right) is known for his charming disposition and vast experience as a Naturalist.

NATURALIST: Richard Cahill, born and raised in Panama, is a seasoned Naturalist and extraordinary Expedition Leader. His passion for learning, and his ability to share his vast knowledge on varied subjects of the natural sciences, history and culture, have made him one of Panama's top guides.



NATURALIST: Margrit Ulrich (left) was born and raised in San José, Costa Rica by Swiss parents. Her passion goes from birding to plants, from amphibians to reptiles.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.



Squirrel monkey with baby, Manuel Antonio National Park.

Join us to explore the coastal regions of Panama and Costa Rica for an intriguing blend of nature — plus a transit of the legendary Panama Canal. The wild-life of the region includes spider, howler and capuchin monkeys, coatimundis, sloths and over 300 species of birds, such as toucans and scarlet macaws.

DAY 1: MIAMI/PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/ COLÓN/EMBARK/GATÚN LAKE

Depart Miami late morning on a three-hour, non-stop American Airlines flight to Panama City. Drive

to Colón, board *Sea Voyager* and set sail for the first part of our Panama Canal transit. Anchor in Gatún Lake for the night. (D)

DAY 2: BARRO COLORADO ISLAND/ PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT

At Barro Colorado we learn about the ARTS (Automated Radio Telemetry System) project which was funded in part by National Geographic. The system helps monitor the movement of species around the island as was profiled in the October 2003 issue of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazine.

Barro Colorado is inaccessible to most travelers, however by special arrangement, guides from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute accompany us through the tropical forest. Reboard to continue our crossing. A daylight transit cannot be guaranteed, since cargo ships have priority over passenger ships. The Canal, however, is dramatically lit at night. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS

Explore a cluster of islands in the Gulf of Panama via Zodiac or kayak. Observe roosting and nesting magnificent frigate birds and blue-footed boobies. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: ISLA COIBA NATIONAL PARK

Isla Coiba is one of Panama's most



Photos left to right: our kayaks are virtually untippable, suitable for novices and experts alike; snorkelers in the waters off Isla Coiba experience superb conditions; Naturalists are always on hand to point out the rain forest's avian residents, such as the scarlet macaw.

remote national parks, where you may explore the pristine beach. The area is perfect for swimming, snorkeling and kayaking. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: GOLFO DULCE, COSTA RICA

At Casa Orquideas, a privately-owned garden accessible only by boat and special invitation, see a profusion of orchids; look for tanagers, parrots and gaudy toucans. Explore Golfo Dulce, ideal for kayaking or swimming. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: OSA PENINSULA

We anchor off the remote Osa Peninsula and the environs of Corcovado National Park. You may swim in waterfall pools, horseback ride on the beach or join a Zodiac cruise. Trek through the rain forest to look for monkeys. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Today we explore early, when the



wildlife is most active. Look for three-toed sloths. Our Naturalists point out monkeys or birds as they zip through the forest. Find a great spot for a final hike or swim. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: HERRADURA/DISEMBARK/ SAN JOSÉ/MIAMI

Disembark in Herradura and drive to the airport for flights home. The Miami-bound flight departs in the afternoon, arriving in the early evening. (B)

REVERSE ITINERARY-IN-BRIEF:

DAY 1: Miami/San José, Costa Rica/Herradura/Embark

DAY 2: Manuel Antonio National Park

DAY 3: Osa Peninsula

DAY 4: Golfo Dulce

DAY 5: Isla Coiba National Park, Panama

DAY 6: Gulf of Panama Islets/ Gatún Lake

DAY 7: Barro Colorado Island/ Panama Canal Transit

DAY 8: Colón/Disembark/ Panama City/Home



Optional Extensions

Complement your 8-day Panama & Costa Rica voyage with three days in the Monteverde Cloud Forest; or seven days in Monteverde, Sarapiquí & Arenal Volcano. See pages 22-23.



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Monteverde + Costa Rica to Panama

11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS — SEA VOYAGER

DEPARTURES: 2009 Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4, 18; Mar. 4, 18;

Sep. 30; Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 25; Dec. 9 , 23.  Photo Expedition.

PRICES FROM: \$5,640 to \$9,360 (See page 50 for complete prices.)

Departures in green offer a \$500 air credit.



Keel-billed toucan.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ MONTEVERDE'S CLOUD FOREST IS SPRINKLED WITH MOSS, 300 SPECIES OF ORCHIDS AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE.
- ▶ WALK TRAILS WITH BUTTERFLIES AND BIRDS, AND WATCH FOR THE RARE RESPLENDENT QUETZAL.
- ▶ ASCEND A SERIES OF SUSPENSION BRIDGES FOR A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE FOREST CANOPY.

A scenic drive of approximately five hours takes us to Monteverde Cloud Forest, where we spend two nights at a charming, family-owned lodge. There is an aura in the cloud forest — mist drifting past silhouettes of majestic trees, the cool quiet and the haunting music of birdcalls. Trees draped in a profusion of bromeliads and orchids create

a powerful impression. Amid such greenery, the lacy-fronded tree fern, unchanged since early evolutionary times, stands out as a signature cloud forest specimen. Learn about life in the early Monteverde community, established by the Quakers in the 1950s, from Marvin Rockwell, one of the original homesteaders. Days 4–11 follow “The Panama Canal & the Wonders of Costa Rica” itinerary on pages 20-21.



The elevated foot bridge in Monteverde Cloud Forest offers stunning perspectives.

ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

DAY 1: Miami/San José, Costa Rica (D)

DAYS 2 & 3: Monteverde Cloud Forest (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Monteverde/Herradura/Embark (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Manuel Antonio National Park (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Osa Peninsula (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Golfo Dulce (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Isla Coiba, Panama (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Gulf of Panama Islets/Gatún Lake (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Barro Colorado Island/Panama Canal Transit (B,L,D)

DAY 11: Colón/Disembark/Panama City/Home (B)



Panama to Costa Rica + Monteverde, Arenal Volcano & Sarapiquí

THE AMERICAS

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

DEPARTURES: 2009 Jan. 3, 17, 31; Feb. 14, 28; Mar. 14, 28; ; Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 19

PRICES FROM: \$6,840 to \$10,560 (See page 50 for complete pricing.)

Departures in green offer a \$500 air credit.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ CLOUD FORESTS, VOLCANOES AND THE SEA CREATE THE ULTIMATE EXPEDITION COMBINATION.
- ▶ SEARCH FOR MONKEYS, IGUANAS, ENDANGERED SCARLET MACAWS AND AMERICAN CROCODILES.
- ▶ GO WHITEWATER RAFTING OR RIVER FLOATING ON THE SARAPIQUÍ RIVER.

Take a scenic five-hour drive up the mountain to Monteverde Cloud Forest and spend two nights at a family-owned lodge. Visit a native butterfly garden before exploring Monteverde's forest trails. Watch for the rare resplendent quetzal and the often heard, but rarely seen, mantled howler monkeys. From the Skywalk, a series of suspension bridges, enjoy a bird's-eye view of the forest canopy. Later, take a



Smoldering Arenal Volcano provides a dramatic backdrop.

3½-hour drive to Arenal, through verdant countryside around Lake Arenal. Explore rain forest trails and observe smoldering Arenal. Stay at Sueño Azul, a working hacienda and spa. Explore the hacienda's grounds, swim in the pool or sample spa treatments. Visit La Selva, a well-known site for research on tropical ecology. Observe the elfin forest along the trail at Poás Volcano National Park, one of the widest craters in the world.



Tree frog.

ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

DAYS 1–7: Follow “The Panama Canal & the Wonders of Costa Rica” itinerary on pages 20-21.

DAY 8: Herradura/Disembark/Carara Biological Reserve/Monteverde Cloud Forest (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Monteverde Cloud Forest (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Monteverde/Arenal (B,L,D)

DAY 11: Arenal Volcano (B,L,D)

DAY 12: Arenal/Sarapiquí (B,L,D)

DAY 13: Sarapiquí (B,L,D)

DAY 14: Poás Volcano National Park/San José (B,L,D)

DAY 15: San José/Miami (B)



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Baja California's Bounty

There is probably no body of water in the world where more species of whales can be seen more reliably and more clearly than in the Sea of Cortez," writes Dr. Lyall Watson in his book *Whales of the World*. The thirty-nine species that it's possible to see here include 17,000 gray whales that migrate to Baja's warm waters each year to breed and give birth.

In the more than 25 years that we've been exploring Baja we've come to know the peninsula's islands, waters and wildlife intimately. Its character is shaped by the special rhythms of nature, and to experience it to the fullest it's necessary to adapt to those rhythms. We take pride in introducing guests to Baja's 50-plus uninhabited islands, cactus forests, snorkeling opportunities, astonishing bird colonies, plus myriad other endemic plants and animals that make Baja an inexhaustibly rich place to explore.

In addition to the gift of observing gray whales during their breeding, calving and nurturing cycle, and an entire, season-long feast of whale watching: fins, blues, orcas and humpbacks (plus dolphins, seabirds and sea lions) — there's also the remarkable geography, with shell-studded shores and delightful dunes, to take in.

Regardless of when you travel, you'll soon understand why the region has been declared a World Heritage Site, and why we have been so passionate about sharing it with travelers since 1981.

Photos clockwise from top left: close encounter with gray whales; exploring via kayak; bottlenose dolphin; photographer and giant barrel cactus. Right: spiny-tailed iguana rests atop cardon cactus.

Some experiences that define our Baja expeditions

WHALES. These waters are home to an amazing variety of whales. On our "Among the Great Whales" voyage, gray whales are just an arm's length away from our Zodiacs.

FIELD RESEARCH. Our close, long-standing relationships with researchers in the field create special opportunities. Visit biologists conducting research on a tiny, remote island teeming with nesting seabirds.

TOOLS FOR EXPLORATION. An underwater bow camera and hydrophones bring the sights and sounds of the undersea world direct to monitors in the ship's lounge. A video microscope and Splash-Cam bring otherwise invisible worlds to life.

KAYAKS. Explore narrow mangrove channels and remote island shorelines with our fleet of kayaks and make your own personal discoveries of the rich and varied nature of Baja California.

SNORKELING. We provide the masks, fins, snorkels and wet suits — the waters can be chilly — so that you can enjoy the sights of myriad reef fish and one of life's great pleasures, snorkeling with sea lions.



Baja California: Among the Great Whales

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

DEPARTURES: 2009 Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; Mar. 7, 14, 21

PRICES FROM: \$4,620 to \$7,560 (See page 49 for complete prices.)

All departures feature a complimentary round-trip charter flight between Los Angeles and La Paz, Mexico.

Note: Some departures travel in reverse from La Paz to San Carlos, making all the same stops.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ GET AN UP-CLOSE VIEW OF GIGANTIC GRAY WHALES.
- ▶ SWIM, SNORKEL AND KAYAK IN THE AZURE WATERS OF THE SEA OF CORTEZ.
- ▶ EXPERIENCE THE PRISTINE BEAUTY AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE OF BAJA CALIFORNIA.

Search for whales and abundant wildlife with a passionate Expedition Team.



EXPEDITION LEADER: Sue Perin's (left) expertise in wildlife management and passion for teaching brings the wonders of Baja to life.

NATURALIST: Marine biologist Mike Greenfelder travels the world chasing his three loves: marine critters, photography, and birds.

UNDERSEA SPECIALIST: A biochemist by training, Carlos J. Navarro (right), a native of Mexico, shares the wonders of the Sea of Cortez, his home for 17 years.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.



There's magic when one encounters a friendly gray whale. It's a rare privilege that lingers in your memory long after you return home.

Seeing gray whales in their natural habitat is one of the great delights of this voyage. In Bahía Magdalena, venture out in Zodiacs among these magnificent creatures. In the Sea of Cortez, whales, dolphins, sea lions, blue-footed boobies, huge cardon cacti, mangroves and sand dunes are among the wonders you'll encounter.

DAY 1: LOS ANGELES/LA PAZ/ SAN CARLOS/EMBARK

Depart Los Angeles on a privately chartered aircraft for the flight to La Paz. Upon arrival, transfer to San Carlos, where we embark. (D)



Photos left to right: giant barrel cactus; kayaking in the mirror-like Sea of Cortez; bottlenose dolphins often ride in our ship's bow wave.

DAYS 2-4: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Navigate through an immense system of protected coves and channels, surrounded by a fringe of mangrove channels at one edge of a vast, windswept plain. Each winter, during their long migration, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and raise their calves in these sheltered waters. Observe migrating whales from the ship and up close from our Zodiacs. Discover dense mangroves by kayak and watch for magnificent frigatebirds, pelicans, cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis and willets. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: LOS CABOS AND GORDA BANKS

This morning cruise past Friars Rocks at Land's End. For those who wish, we will arrange a visit to the historic town center of San José del Cabo. The afternoon is spent at the Gorda Banks seamount, a gathering place for whales, especially humpbacks, as well as dolphins and other sea life. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: ISLAS LOS ISLOTES AND ESPÍRITU SANTO

At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel (which we'll gladly provide) and swim with curious sea lions. We have a leisurely



Humpback whale fluke, Loreto Bay.

afternoon to swim, kayak or hike at Espíritu Santo. Brown pelicans, gulls and boobies are all part of the landscape. Finish the day with a relaxing beach barbecue complete with a campfire and a star-filled sky. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

With the luxury of no specific plan, search for whales among the islands of the southern Sea of Cortez, an area that has proven to be one of the best for finding blue whales, and often common and bottlenose dolphins. Explore the many uninhabited islands such

as Isla San José or Isla Santa Catalina to walk among huge cacti and observe the diverse bird life. Swim or snorkel with king angel-fish, butterflyfish, damselfish and the beautiful parrotfish. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK/ LOS ANGELES

Disembark after breakfast in La Paz and drive to the airport for our charter flight to Los Angeles. (B)

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Whales, Wonder & Wildness in Alaskan Waters

The sea around Alaska is what we mean when we talk about last frontiers. It's the real deal: the last vestige of a vaunted American past, when territories stretched to infinity with nary a human in them. And in this sea wilderness, the whale is king. On deck with our cameras, we wait in silent expectation for one to explode into view — a thrust of inexhaustible muscle obeying an unimaginable flex — to astound us, and be gone. Then, our expert Expedition Team, who knew exactly where to position our nimble ship so we'd catch each spectacular breach, deploys the hydrophone and bow camera so we can listen in and perhaps even see them beneath the surface, as if this could reveal the mysteries that make them so endlessly fascinating to us. It's hard to describe the deep attachment we have to Alaska, but the transcendent sight of a humpback defying gravity in a crystalline fjord comes closest. And whales aren't the only reason: There are towering, moss-dampened spruce forests. Salmon-choked streams, brown bears and soaring eagles. Come with us and we'll share the "real" Alaska with you.

Photos clockwise from top left: bald eagle; humpback breaching; brown bear; the tranquility of a remote cove. Right: colorful Alaskan totem.

Some experiences that define our Alaska expeditions

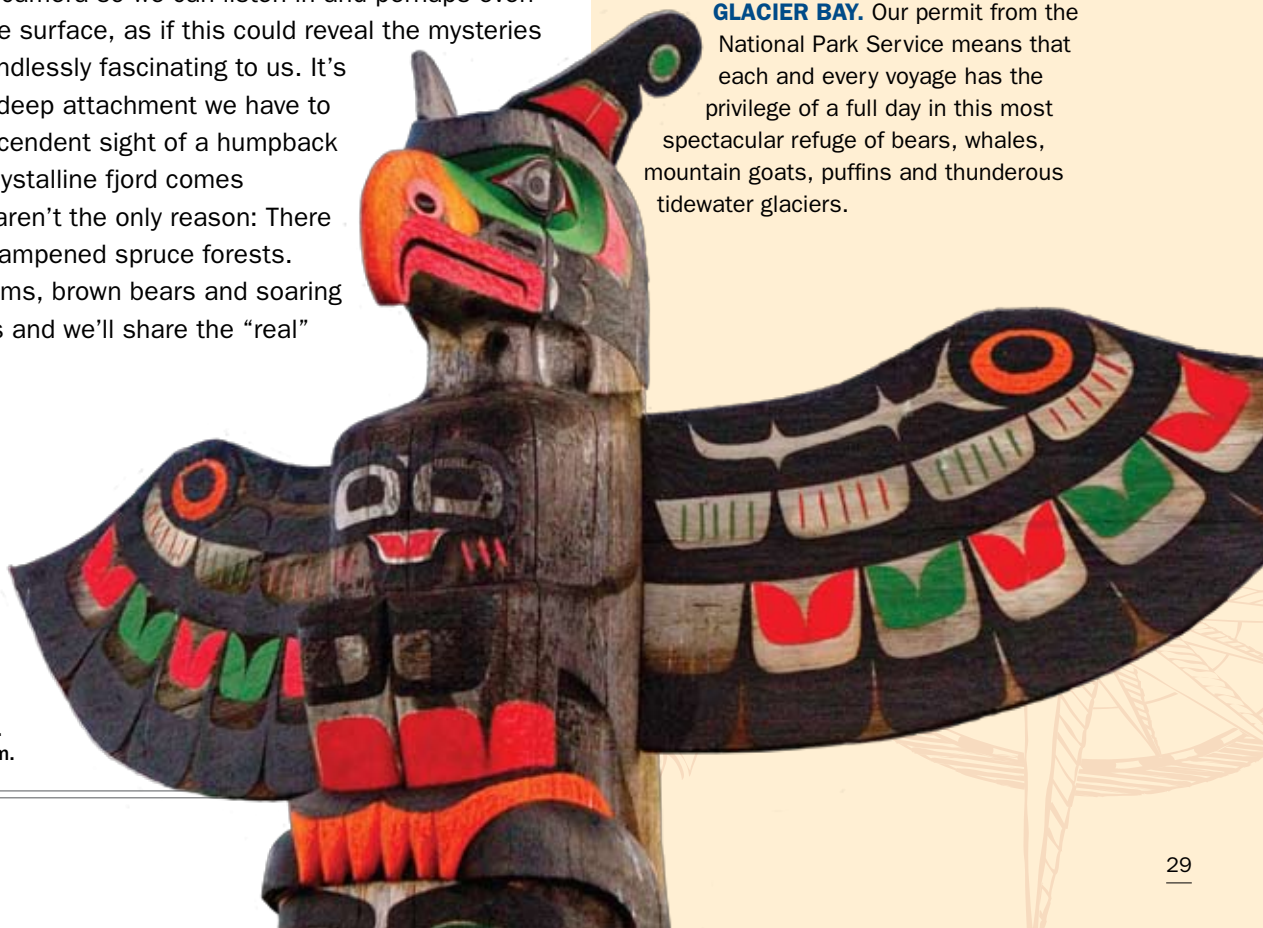
KAYAKS. Venture out among icebergs and along forested wilderness shorelines for personal discoveries with our fleet of kayaks.

SPECIAL PLACES. Our special use permit means we can take you hiking and kayaking in wild and remote places that are otherwise off limits.

WHALES. We'll always change course for them — humpbacks and orca — and our longstanding relationships with researchers in Southeast Alaska increases your chances of not just seeing whales, but seeing exciting behaviors such as bubble-net feeding and breaching.

BOW CAMERA. An underwater bow camera and hydrophones bring the sights and sounds of the undersea world direct to monitors in the ship's lounge.

GLACIER BAY. Our permit from the National Park Service means that each and every voyage has the privilege of a full day in this most spectacular refuge of bears, whales, mountain goats, puffins and thunderous tidewater glaciers.



Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

DEPARTURES: 2009 May 9, 10, 16*, 17*, 23, 24, 30*, 31*; Jun. 6, 7, 13*, 14*, 20, 21, 27*, 28*; Jul. 4, 5, 11*, 12*, 18, 19, 25*, 26*; Aug. 1, 2, 8*, 9*, 15, 16, 22*, 23*, 29, 30. *These departures travel from Sitka to Juneau, making all the same stops.

PRICES FROM: \$5,390 to \$9,290 (See page 49 for complete prices.)

Departures in green feature \$500 off the prices plus complimentary round-trip air between Seattle and Alaska.

Departures in blue feature complimentary round-trip air between Seattle and Alaska.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SPEND A FULL DAY IN GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK UNDER SPECIAL PERMIT.
- ▶ KAYAK AND ZODIAC AMONG THE ICEBERGS IN TRACY ARM FJORD.
- ▶ VISIT THE RAPTOR REHABILITATION CENTER AND ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL IN SITKA.

Your Expedition Team is with you on the water and in the wilderness.

CAPTAIN: Mark Graves's (right) personal exploration of Alaska and work with area charts allows us to experience places few can.

EXPEDITION LEADER: Biologist Michelle Graves has led or been a Naturalist on over 100 Alaska voyages.

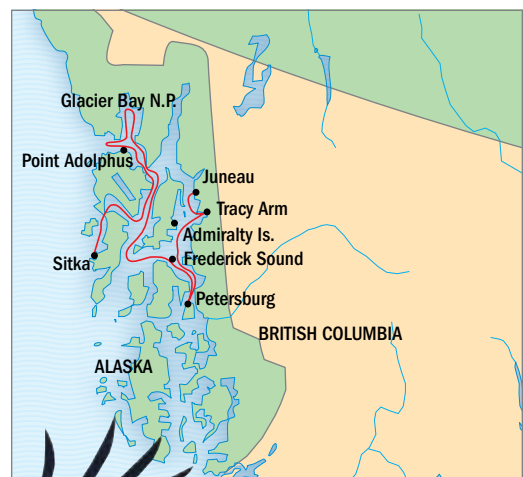


NATURALIST: Doctor of Zoology Steve MacLean (left), has authored over fifty scientific papers on plants, birds, mammals and insects.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER: Join photographer Flip Nicklin in his home waters, where he studies humpback whales (select departures).



Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.



In this icy sea, the whale is king, and our expeditions change course for sightings. Special permits and decades of expedition experience allow us to venture through iceberg fields in Zodiacs with our expert Naturalist staff, and slip into silent coves with sturdy kayaks. This is Alaska at its most intimate, immersive and inspiring level.

DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK

Fly from Seattle to Juneau and visit Mendenhall Glacier and the Alaska State Museum, an excellent

introduction to Alaska's natural history and culture. After dinner, explore Juneau on your own. (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM

Enter Tracy Arm, a 22-mile-long fjord with many waterfalls cascading from its high, glacially-carved walls. See the stunning Sawyer and South Sawyer glaciers up close and take a Zodiac cruise for an eye-level view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Take a Naturalist-guided Zodiac cruise through LeConte Bay, a virtual sculpture garden of grounded icebergs. Visit the small town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island, a true Alaskan town. There is an opportunity for optional flightseeing (weather permitting). (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

With luck, we'll be able to observe breaching whales while searching for Steller's sea lions on the rocky islands. Later, hike or kayak for up-close exploration. (B,L,D)





Photos left to right: Native Alaskan Tlingit art; kayakers; orca whale skims the surface.

DAY 5: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

In Glacier Bay, enormous glaciers flow from ice fields. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea, and search for brown bears and mountain goats. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: POINT ADOLPHUS/INIAN PASS

Hike, kayak and search for whales near Point Adolphus, consistently a favored summer feeding area for humpback whales. Then, cruise to Inian Pass, where playful sea otters reside. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ALASKA'S ISLANDS, BAYS AND FJORDS

Hike or cruise island coastlines with some of the world's highest densities of nesting bald eagles. Spring and summer bring a landscape blanketed wildflowers. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

Visit onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral, discover the grand totems that line the trail through Sitka National Historical Park and explore the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. Fly to Seattle. (B)

EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

Our Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables you to hike and kayak in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.

Optional Extensions

Please call for information on our optional Denali and Kenai extensions.

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A group of humpback whales rises to the surface through a curtain of bubbles, scooping nearly an entire school of herring out of the sea.





Antarctica: Remote, Untrammelled, Otherworldly

Most people use the phrase “getting away from it all” figuratively. However, if they’re talking about Antarctica, it’s literal — Antarctica is as far away from “it all” as you can get. And it’s one of the most exhilarating adventures our planet offers.

And while Antarctica is famously remote — and a challenging, potentially dangerous landscape, as well — thanks to our family legacy of leading expeditions there for more than forty years, we can get you aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, into the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula and the very teeth of adventure, and get you back again safely.

Exploring Antarctica requires not only specialized knowledge and leadership, but the experience to do it safely, and we have these in abundance. Our experience gives us the confidence to explore, test limits, even to kayak among giant icebergs. And you will definitely explore, not merely tour, with us — watching the penguins at eye-level, kayaking among bergs, hiking the landscape, adventuring with researchers and going by Zodiac where so few have gone before.

You can take advantage of our history, expertise and ever-present drive to remain true to the concept of an expedition: nothing rote, fresh adventure daily. Our Captains have over 200 Antarctic expeditions under their parkas. They’ll take you to the legendary penguin colonies, but they’ll also take you to barely-mapped places, spectacular coves like the one named to honor an early explorer, described at left.

Travel with National Geographic Photographers **David Doubilet** (Dec. 16 & 27), **Chris Ranier** (Jan. 29), **Jay Dickman** (Jan. 10) and more.

Some experiences that define our Antarctica expeditions

KAYAKS. Kayak among icebergs. Our experience ensures your safety. And there are very few things that measure up to kayaking amongst the frozen and otherworldly scenery of a quiet Antarctic cove.

UNDERSEA. Our Undersea Specialists are now so experienced, they have published a book on the marine life. They have taken scientists out and shown them things that even they are unable to identify.

CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE. With the many decades and hundreds of expeditions worth of experience amongst our Ice Masters and Expedition Leaders, we are able to deliver an unparalleled expedition. We know where to go and how to give you the best possible experience.

“MUDMAPS.” The Antarctic is not a particularly well-charted place. So, where necessary, we’ve done it ourselves. This way we can confidently take you to off-the-beaten-path landings, and safely get you back.

PENGUIN RESEARCHERS ON BOARD.

On every expedition we carry two penguin researchers — supported by our joint fund with the National Geographic Society — who will invite you to participate in their on-going study of penguin populations



Antarctica

15 DAYS/12 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR & NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

NG EXPLORER DEPARTURES: 2009 Jan. 10; Nov. 4; Dec. 16, 27 2010 Jan. 7, 18, 29  All departures are Photo Expeditions

PRICES FROM: \$10,760 to \$19,870. (See pages 44-45 for complete prices.)

Departures in red are sold out. Book departures in blue for complimentary R/T economy group airfare Miami/Santiago.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SPEND AT LEAST SIX DAYS EXPLORING ANTARCTICA ABOARD OUR ICE-STRENGTHENED SHIP.
- ▶ WITH 40+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ANTARCTICA, WE DELIVER AN UNPARALLELED EXPEDITION.
- ▶ KAYAK IN PROTECTED WATERS, PADDLING AROUND ICEBERGS AS PENGUINS SWIM NEARBY.

Explore with the best ice team on earth.

CAPTAIN: Ice Master Leif Skog (right) has navigated over 100 Antarctic voyages.

EXPEDITION LEADER: Matt Drennan has made over 75 voyages to the southern continent, and his passion for the wildlife, scenery and history continues to grow.

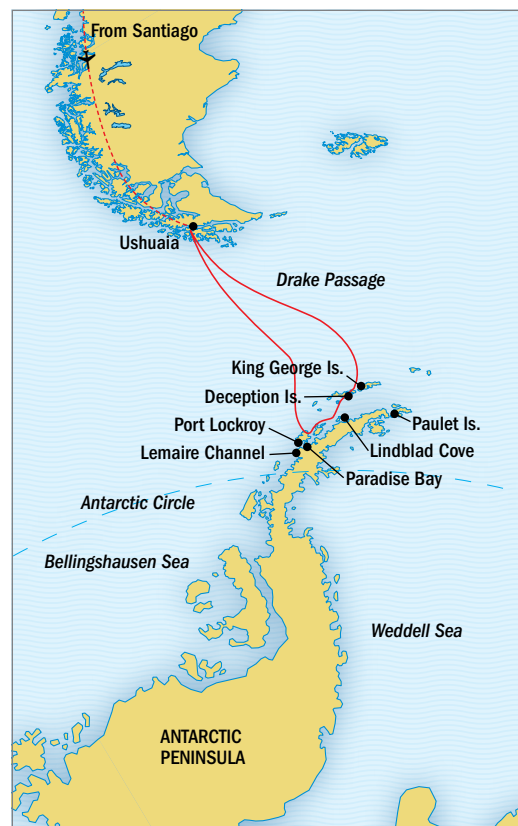
NATURALIST: John Fonseca is one of the few people to ever have overwintered at the South Pole.



UNDERSEA SPECIALIST: Lisa Trotter (left), author of *Below Freezing* and Antarctic veteran, is the first person to receive dive certification in the Antarctic.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALISTS: Travel with Adventurer Jon Bowermaster, who kayaked the seven continents plus Oceania; National Geographic Photographers Flip Nicklin; Sisse Brimberg; Jay Dickman and more.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.



Glide around enormous tabular icebergs by Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak amid abundant wildlife. Learn about the Lindblad legacy, dating from 1966, as you travel with Ice Masters and Expedition Leaders who have hundreds of journeys under their parkas. On every expedition, two penguin researchers, supported by our joint fund with National Geographic, are on board, and

they invite you to participate in penguin studies. An Undersea Specialist captures rare footage of life beneath the icy surface. You can view these fascinating findings in the comfort of the ship's lounge.

DAYS 1-2: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO SANTIAGO, CHILE

Depart Miami on an overnight flight to Santiago. Arrive in Santiago this morning. Proceed to our gracious hotel, the Grand Hyatt Santiago (or similar). In

the afternoon, join a panoramic exploration of the city. (L,D)

DAY 3: SANTIAGO/USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/EMBARK

The morning's LAN charter flight offers superb views of Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Have lunch during a catamaran cruise of the scenic Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)



Photos left to right: Leopard seal; majestic iceberg at sunset; Zodiacs get you close to all the action.

DAY 4: AT SEA

Awake this morning well into our journey across the Drake Passage. Lying between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, the Drake holds a distinct place in maritime lore. Sometimes misty and gray, other times calm and clear, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ANTARCTICA

First landfall is on one of the many islands of the Antarctic Peninsula region, taking hikes and Zodiac forays with our Naturalists. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6-11: ANTARCTICA

With nearly 24 hours of daylight at this time of year, we make the most of our six days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and its surrounding islands. The schedule is flexible, to give you the best experience possible. Our veteran expedition team members, with expert knowledge of Antarctica's waters, enable us to take advantage of the unexpected. We are out daily — experiencing Antarctica with all our senses as we walk, cruise in Zodiacs, and venture out in kayaks. See seals wallowing on the beach; hear the cries of penguins, and the huge, nurturing silence of this pristine place.

We may sail through the incomparable Lemaire Channel, where a hush falls over onlookers as bergs of beauty and scale drift by. Identify penguins, paddle kayaks through berg fields, and land with Zodiacs on the "White Continent." (B,L,D)

DAY 12: ANTARCTICA/AT SEA

Depending on conditions, we may make one last landfall before heading back across the Drake Passage. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: AT SEA

There is time for a massage, a workout in the gym, or catching up on some reading. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: USHUAIA/DISEMBARK/SANTIAGO

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

DAY 15: ARRIVE HOME

Optional Extensions

Please call for information on our optional Easter Island and Peru extensions.

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Adelie penguins.





Arctic Norway: To the Land of the Ice Bears

High above coastal Norway under the midnight sun lies the Svalbard archipelago, a wilderness region that few Americans know. Although ice covers more than half of Svalbard, the warm North Atlantic drift makes the waters surprisingly inviting for 600 miles from the North Pole. And that's good, because the tundra experiences an awakening each summer: in addition to the ice bears, there are 165 species of plants, the loveliest of which bloom during our season there, huge walrus, bearded and ringed seals, "bird walls" of mega-proportions, mammoth tidewater glaciers, reindeer, arctic foxes and fjords. It's a hauntingly beautiful landscape.

Why we love it here: "Isbjorn." (Norwegian for ice bear, and polar bear to most of us.) These magnificent creatures are supremely adapted to live amid the pack ice. Most people who view polar bears do so at a zoo. Each season our guests join the ranks of the select few fortunate enough to experience the exhilaration of observing polar bears — not in captivity, or connected with a settlement as scavengers — but living on the sea ice, its own natural habitat. We discovered that Svalbard is the best and most gratifying place to observe ice bears in the wild. We go because, with 20 years of exploring there, we can now say with certainty that we will see bears on every voyage, and we'll see them in a variety of ways and groupings: 128 bears sighted in our last season alone — a record — ensures that you'll "catch" several, too.

Photos clockwise from top left: polar bear, reindeer roam the summer-green tundra; Zodiac excursion; bearded seal.

Some experiences that define our Ice Bears expeditions

ISBJORN. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its completely natural environment. And we have a proven knack for finding lots of them.

SEASONED STAFF. Our Expedition Staff have been exploring this rugged wilderness for years, even decades. Their in-depth knowledge, on-the-ground experience and overwhelming enthusiasm for Svalbard will make your expedition.

"MUDMAPS." Our Ice Masters have such vast experience in this region, they have made their own soundings and maps of areas that otherwise simply aren't well-charted. In other words, we'll get you to the "lesser traveled areas," and back, safely.

KAYAKING. Kayak among sculpted icebergs in a quiet Arctic cove. Our experience ensures your safety.

UNDERSEA. The Undersea Specialist will, in addition to many other things, don a drysuit and "capture" (via underwater video camera) footage of critters so unique, we've even had scientists guessing at what they could be.

HERITAGE. Our company is founded by, and made up of modern-day "Vikings." Scandinavia is in our blood, it's in our cuisine, it's on the Bridge, in your Zodiac, and an ever-present part of your expedition.

"I've been following and photographing polar bears for 16 years in all their various habitats. Nowhere, however, can they be found in total wilderness as dramatically and reliably as Svalbard. For the purist, Svalbard is Valhalla."

— Thomas D. Mangelsen, one of the world's premier nature photographers, aboard our 2002 Arctic Photo Expedition

Land of the Ice Bears: In-depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard

11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2009 Jul. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  All departures are Photo Expeditions

PRICES FROM: \$6,920 to \$12,560 (See pages 44-45 for complete prices.)

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SEE POLAR BEARS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT ON THE SEA ICE.
- ▶ EXPERIENCE THE LEGENDARY MIDNIGHT SUN, WHEN THE SUN NEVER SETS.
- ▶ OBSERVE WALRUSES, SEALS, ARCTIC FOXES AND REINDEER ALONG THE PACK ICE.

With a knack for spotting bears, your expert Expedition Team will point out arctic wildlife.

EXPEDITION LEADER: Lindblad veteran Bud Lehnhausen (right), with years of polar experience, will share stories of his adventures with you.



POLAR SPECIALIST: Dr. Tom Smith (left) consults on polar research programs, and his films include National Geographic's *Life at the Edge*.



NATURALIST: Norwegian Kenneth Monsen has had the opportunity to guide a dogsled and overwinter in Svalbard.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALISTS: Travel with National Geographic Photographer Ralph Lee Hopkins; Pulitzer Prize-winning Photographer Jay Dickman or Kim Heacox.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.

Travel under the midnight sun aboard our comfortable, ice-strengthened ship as we travel through a land of deep fjords, snow-capped mountains, and massive ice sheets to encounter the kings of the Arctic — polar bears. Our long experience in this region, along with a flexible and unhurried itinerary, allows us to maximize sightings. National Geographic Photographers help us best capture every encounter.

DAY 1: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

Fly from Newark to Oslo on

an overnight flight aboard SAS Scandinavian Airlines.

DAY 2: OSLO

Upon arrival, check in to the Continental Hotel. Later, stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures set in parklands and make a visit to the Polar Ship Fram Museum.

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/ EMBARK

Take a private charter flight to Longyearbyen and embark our ship. (B,L,D)

Walrus, Svalbard, Norway



DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING SVALBARD

In true expedition style, we will let nature dictate our day-to-day movements and remain flexible, maximizing our opportunities to observe Svalbard's abundant wildlife. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we probe the ice in search of seals, arctic foxes and the very symbol of the Arctic — polar bears. Once spotted, the scene is one of sheer excitement and reverence for these



ARCTIC NORWAY

Photos left to right: mother polar bear and cub; guest on wildlife watch; arctic reindeer, Svalbard.

great animals. They are often seen on the pack ice searching for a meal, but a few times each season we sight a bear which has recently caught a seal. Cruising in Svalbard's fjords in the legendary land of the midnight sun, we venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. Zodiac and kayaks among beautiful icebergs, and experience the geology, wildlife and wildflowers that give color and vitality to the High Arctic. (B,L,D)



Bearded seal.

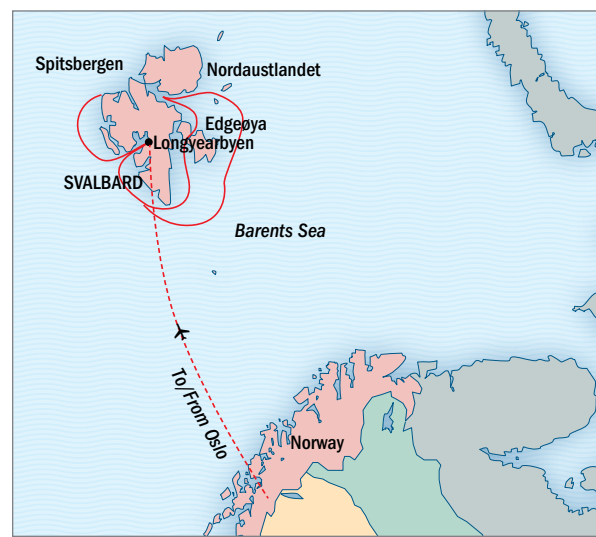
DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/ DISEMBARK/OSLO

Disembark and explore Longyearbyen before we fly to Oslo. Overnight Radisson SAS Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 11: OSLO/HOME (B)

Optional Extensions
Norwegian Fjords, Pre-voyage
4 Days, Please call for details.

Exploring Iceland, Post-voyage
4 Days, Please call for details.



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AND SELECT THIS ITINERARY.



Polar bear leaps between ice floes, Hinlopen Strait, Svalbard, Norway.



Egypt: Exploring the Ancient Treasures of the Nile

For millennia the civilizations along the Nile's banks have captivated the imagination of countless travelers. Egypt is a place that inspires at every turn. And our mission is to seek out this inspiration with intimate discoveries and unusual experiences.

Our 10-day "Exploring Egypt" voyage offers the opportunity to visit Cairo's celebrated Egyptian Museum, see exquisite mosques, then stroll through bazaars alive with color and fragrant with exotic spices. Sail aboard *Triton*, a luxury river vessel accommodating only 42 guests, considered one of the finest small ships on the Nile. Stay at renowned hotels: the Four Seasons at the First Residence in Cairo and the Mena House Oberoi, at the foot of the Pyramids, in Giza.

Travel from Cairo to Aswān and along the Nile to Luxor accompanied by exceptional Egyptologists who reveal the mysteries and complexities of Ancient Egyptian beliefs and rites. Visit monuments at Abu Simbel, Kom Ombo, Edfu and the magnificent temples and tombs in and around Luxor before returning to Cairo and the Giza Plateau, site of the Pyramids and the Sphinx.

Along the way, explore the brilliance of the ancient kingdoms and the cultural vibrancy that the Egyptians have maintained from the earliest prehistoric settlements to life today. And marvel at Egypt's majesty. When Howard Carter "discovered" King Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922 the royal seal was still intact. A member of his group impatiently asked could he see anything. When Carter was finally able to speak his reply was, "Yes, wonderful things." You, too, will see wonderful things of colossal beauty throughout your expedition.

Photos clockwise from top left: Guest in front of illuminated statue of Ramses II; pyramids at Giza; Luxor Temple; inside the tomb of Amen-Khopshef.

Right: Mummy at the Egyptian Museum.

Some experiences that define our Egypt expeditions

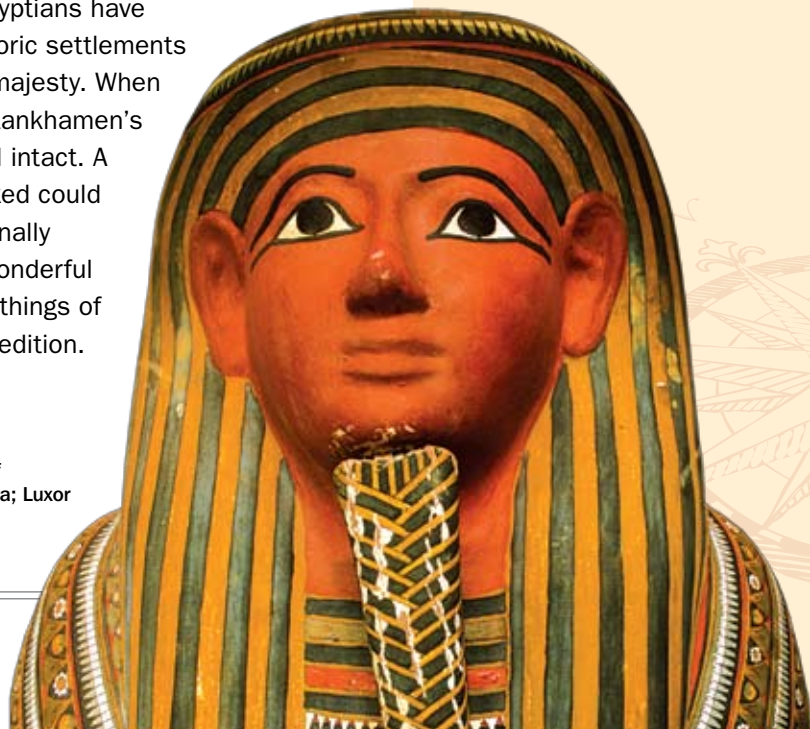
EXPERTS. We have assembled a team of outstanding, well-seasoned Egyptologists who will be with you from the moment you arrive in Cairo to the end of your journey in Egypt. Each is passionate about Egyptian culture, art, history and archaeology.

THE SHIP. Many ships ply the Nile's waters, but few match the quality and style of *Triton*. Originally built for 100 guests, the ship has been converted to accommodate only 42, and is exclusively chartered for Lindblad guests.

PRIVATE AIRCRAFT. We have chartered private aircraft for all internal flights within Egypt. Private flights are the perfect complement to the service and quality that defines the Lindblad experience in Egypt.

HOTELS. We have selected hotels to exceed your expectations. In Cairo you will stay at the Four Seasons at the First Residence. And, at Giza, the Mena House Oberoi puts you, literally, in the shadow of the Pyramids.

THE TRAVELERS. Small groups are an integral part of the Lindblad Expeditions experience. You'll travel with like-minded individuals with keen intellect and insatiable curiosity.



Exploring Egypt

10 DAYS/8 NIGHTS – TRITON

DEPARTURES: 2009 Jan. 8, 12*; Feb. 11*; Mar. 12, 16, 20, 24*; Apr. 16, 20*; Oct. 8, 12*; Nov. 5, 9*; Dec. 10, 14*

*On these dates, the Nile voyage travels from Luxor to Aswan.

PRICES FROM: \$4,700 to \$7,125 (See page 51 for complete prices.)



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **SAIL ABOARD TRITON, ONE OF THE FINEST AND MOST COMFORTABLE SMALL SHIPS ON THE NILE.**
- ▶ **STAY AT PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS IN CAIRO AND NEAR THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA.**
- ▶ **TAKE PRIVATELY CHARTERED FLIGHTS WITHIN EGYPT.**

Their knowledge is limitless, and they have a wonderful way of conveying it.

EGYPTOLOGIST: Manal Fathi (right), born in Cairo, has worked with Lindblad Expeditions since 1992. She completed postgraduate studies in Egyptology at Helwan University and Cairo University.



EGYPTOLOGIST: Mofid Mansour, originally from Alexandria, completed his studies in Egyptology in 1985; and furthered his education in hieroglyphics and ancient Egyptian art.



EGYPTOLOGIST: Gihan El Tabei (left) graduated from The American University in Cairo; then earned a diploma in ancient Egyptian history from the Egoth Institute, and another in Egyptology from Charles University.

Expedition staff varies by voyage date. Check our web site for full bios of experts on your selected departure.

On this carefully crafted itinerary, knowledgeable Egyptologists bring ancient Egypt's monuments to life. Your visits to Cairo and a Nile cruise ensure you'll witness the brilliance of the ancient kingdoms and experience this country's vivid contemporary life as well.

DAYS 1-2: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO CAIRO, EGYPT

Arrive late in the day and transfer to the Four Seasons at the First Residence in Cairo.

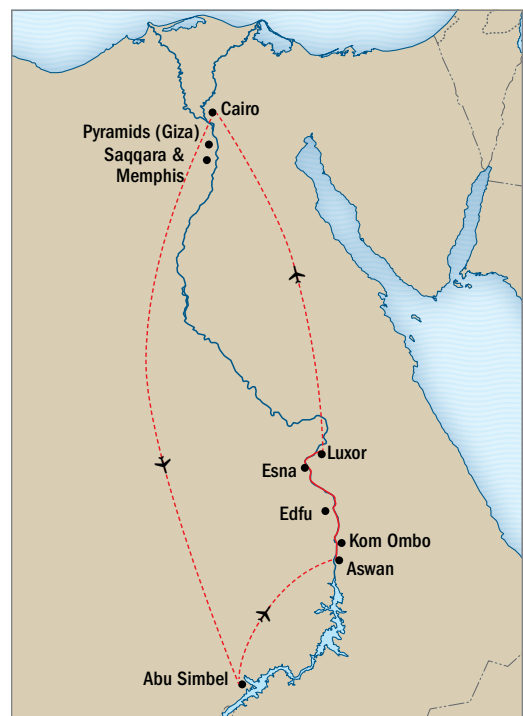
DAY 3: CAIRO

Explore Islamic Cairo, where the

superlative mosques include the Mohammed Ali Mosque, whose five domes can be seen throughout the city. Then visit the Khan el Khalili, a maze of bazaars with rich leather goods, hand-worked gold and fragrant spices. At the Egyptian Museum, view astonishing masterpieces from ancient Egypt, including the mummies of pharaohs. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: CAIRO/ABU SIMBEL/ASWAN/EMBARK

A private flight takes us from Cairo to Abu Simbel, where the front of the temple has four colossal



statues of Ramses II. Visit the nearby Temple of Hathor, built for Ramses' favorite wife, Queen Nefertari. Continue by private aircraft to Aswan and board *Triton*. Visit Aswan's granite quarries and walk across the massive 1,162-ton unfinished obelisk. Then discover lovely Philae Temple, a monument to the Egyptian goddess Isis. Sail by *felucca* past Kitchener Island. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ASWAN/KOM OMBO

See Kom Ombo's temple,



EGYPT

Photos left to right: detail from the Valley of the Queens; girl and Sphinx; a traditional *felucca* sailboat plies the Nile at sunset; detail of Colossus of Ramses II at Memphis.

dedicated to the gods Haroeris and Sobek. At Edfu, visit the Temple of Horus, considered one of the best preserved masterpieces of the ancient world. This afternoon you'll also have time to relax as we sail along the Nile. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6-7: LUXOR

Karnak and Luxor Temples are located about two miles apart, but were once joined by a single paved road lined with ram-headed sphinxes. Visit Karnak Temple, an architectural wonder, and stroll through Luxor Temple, guarded by massive statues of Ramses II. Cross the Nile to visit the Valleys of the Kings and Nobles, and see the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which has been called

the finest building in Egypt. At the Luxor Museum see a mural from the Temple of Aton. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: LUXOR/DISEMBARK/CAIRO

Disembark *Triton* and fly by private aircraft from Luxor to Cairo. Transfer to the Mena House Oberoi Hotel, located at the foot of the Pyramids of Giza. The afternoon and evening are free. (B,L)

DAY 9: PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX/MEMPHIS AND SAQQARA/CAIRO

The Pyramids of Giza are all that remain of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Learn how and why the Pyramids were built, then see the enigmatic Sphinx. We'll visit Memphis, Egypt's ancient capital, and Saqqara,

with its Step Pyramid complex. A memorable farewell dinner ends your expedition. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: CAIRO/HOME

Extend your expedition to Jordan or fly home this morning. (B)

NOTE: *We strongly recommend arriving in Cairo a day early to acclimate yourself to the time difference. Additional nights at the Four Seasons at the First Residence are \$200 per person per night (double occupancy).*

Optional Extension Alexandria, Pre-voyage

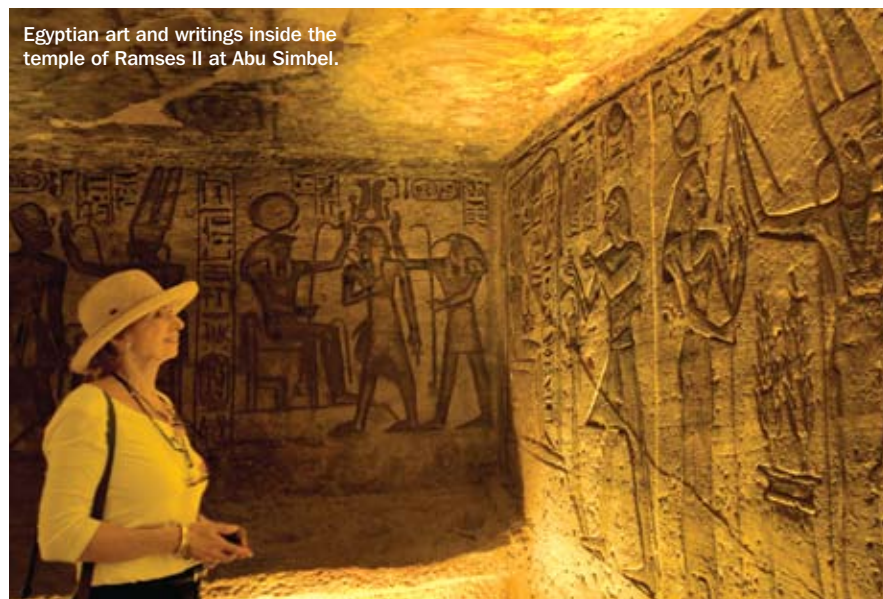
3 Days

Explore Alexandria, Egypt's city on the Mediterranean, which has been at the crossroads of culture for 2,300 years. Please call for details.

Jordan, Post-voyage

5 Days

Discover Jordan, a country that encompasses biblical lands and ancient kingdoms. Seeing Petra is bound to be a highlight. Please call for details.



Egyptian art and writings inside the temple of Ramses II at Abu Simbel.

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NEW EXPEDITION SHIP!

National Geographic Explorer



CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 356 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, 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.

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.

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, LEX Photo Specialist and Video Chronicler, Internet cafe and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by two Wellness Specialists and

features a glass enclosed Fitness Center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms and Sauna.

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

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

CATEGORY 3: Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

CATEGORY 4: Main Decks with Window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

CATEGORY 5: Main Deck with Window #341, 343

CATEGORY 6: Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

CATEGORY 7: Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #213

CATEGORY 8: Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Main Deck with Window #309-312, 329-334

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #105-106, 203, 208

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.



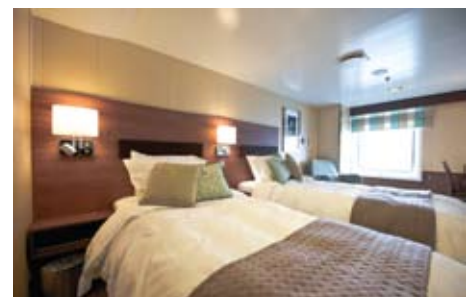
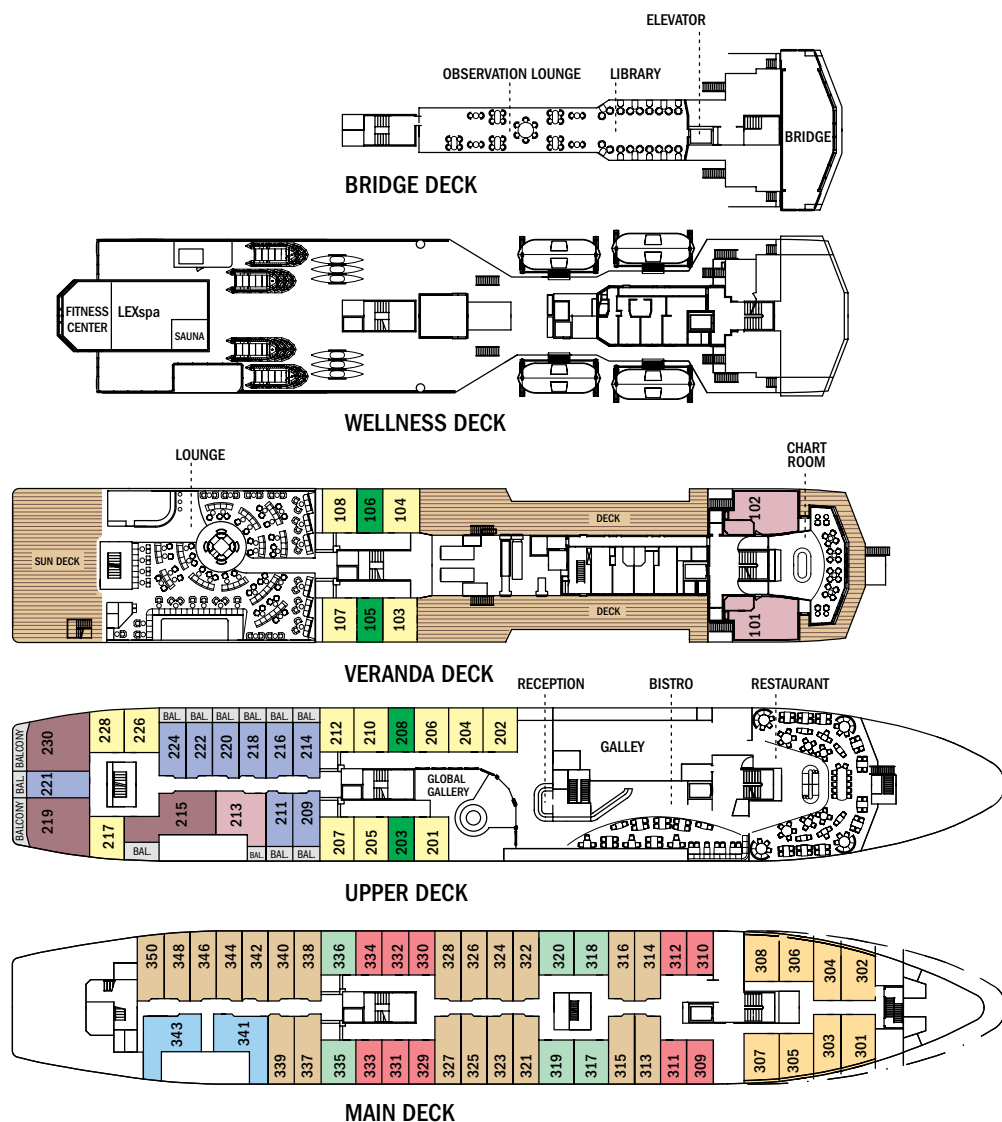
Observation Lounge on the Bridge Deck.



Restaurant on the Upper Deck.



Lounge on the Veranda Deck.



Category 4 Cabin.



Standard Bathroom.



Chart Room.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 6	CAT. 7	CAT. 8	CAT. 2 SOLO	CAT. 3 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE:
Antarctica – Page 34	2009/2010	\$10,760	\$11,390	\$11,960	\$12,390	\$14,790	\$14,790	\$17,130	\$19,870	\$14,190	\$14,950	\$1,000	Charter flights Santiago/Ushuaia/Santiago are included. Chilean immigration fee is not included. Sample Airfare: round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,290; Business from \$4,295.
Land of the Ice Bears – Page 38	2009	\$6,920	\$7,340	\$7,690	\$8,190	\$9,440	\$9,440	\$10,990	\$12,560	\$9,170	\$9,590	\$700	Charter flights Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo is included. Sample Airfare: Round-trip Newark/Oslo: Economy from \$1,325; Business from \$3,440.

National Geographic Endeavour in Galápagos

CAPACITY: 96 guests in 60 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas

OVERALL LENGTH: 295 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; LEXspa; Global Gallery; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; sauna and small swimming pool; and Sun Deck. Our Ecuadorian Captain and Officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our "Open Bridge" policy.

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

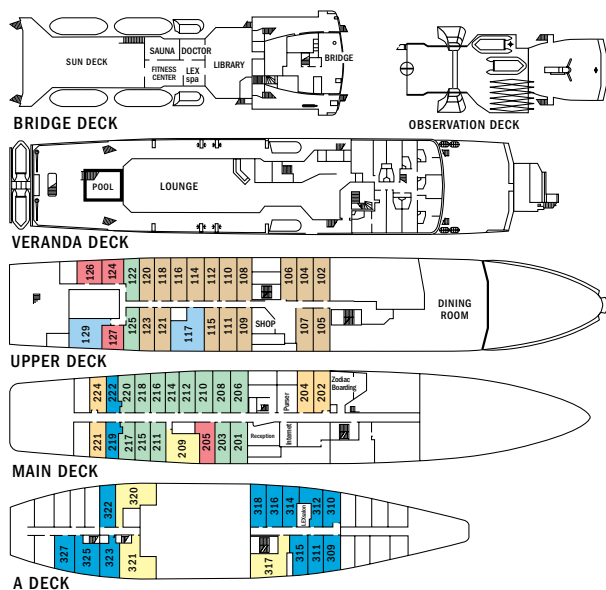
CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes. Each has private facilities and climate controls.

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

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, laundry service, floating massage platform and Wellness Program. Ship's doctor and Video Chronicler are also on board.



Above: Dining room; Category 4 cabin.



CATEGORY 1: Category 1: Main Deck #202, 204, 221, 224 – All cabins feature two lower single beds, a writing desk and a porthole.

CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck # 122, 125; Main Deck #201, 203, 206, 208, 210-212, 214-218, 220 – Cabins have two lower single beds and a writing desk. Upper Deck Cabins feature large windows & Main Deck cabins have two portholes.

CATEGORY 3: Main Deck # 209; A Deck #317, 320, 321 These spacious cabins comfortably accommodate two or three people if desired, all with at least two lower beds and two portholes. Each has a separate sleeping and sitting area.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #102, 104-112, 114-116, 118, 120, 121, 123 – Conveniently located cabins feature two lower single beds and a writing desk.

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck #117, 129 – These are the finest accommodations on board. Suites have separate sleeping and sitting areas, a large view window and a convertible sofa to accommodate a third person.

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck # 219, 222; A Deck #309-312, 314-316, 318, 322, 323, 325, 327

CATEGORY 2 SOLO: Upper Deck #124, 126, 127; Main Deck #205

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 and have one lower single bed and at least one porthole.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: We will make arrangements for shared accommodations at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2. Third person rates are available in designated cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Galápagos: Aboard <i>National Geographic Endeavour</i> – Page 14	2009	\$4,740	\$5,420	\$5,980	\$6,420	\$7,660	\$5,930	\$6,780	\$500	International and internal Ecuador and Peru airfare not included for all Galápagos voyages. Round-trip Miami/Guayaquil from \$660; Business from \$1,600. Round-trip Guayaquil/Galápagos from \$420. Children (Under 12) from \$210. Call for sample Peru airfare. Subject to change.
Galápagos + Peru's Land of the Inca – Page 16	2009	\$8,160	\$8,840	\$9,400	\$9,840	\$11,080	\$10,210	\$11,060	\$800	

National Geographic Islander

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 164 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; Global Market; LEXspa; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; and Sky Deck. Our Ecuadorian Captain and Officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our "Open Bridge" policy.

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

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

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

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

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features exercise equipment and outdoor stretching area.



Photo above left: The Lounge affords stunning views; Right: A standard Category 2 cabin is elegantly appointed with an outside facing window.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck # 201-206 — Cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #207-210; Bridge Deck #301-302 — Centrally located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed.

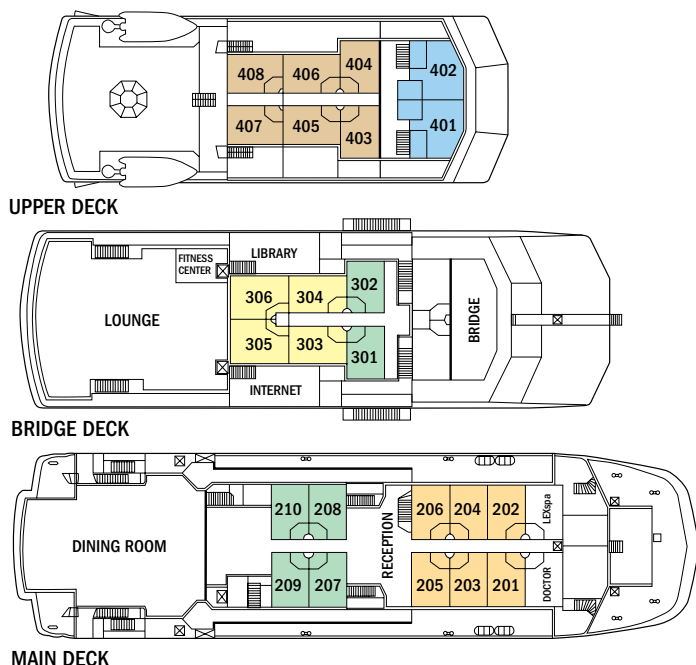
CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #303-306 — Conveniently located cabins feature a window and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Cabins 305 & 306 can accommodate a third person.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #403-408 — Spacious cabins feature two lower single beds which can convert to a lower double bed. All cabins feature a window and outside glassed-in terraces with seating. There are large windows in the top half of the terrace doors. Note: The single beds in cabins 403 & 404 convert to double beds.

CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck #401 and 402 — These are the largest cabins on board. These cabins feature wrap around windows and two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Both have a desk, chairs, and table. They also feature outside glassed in terraces with seating.

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

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



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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Galápagos: Aboard National Geographic Islander – Page 14	2009	\$5,120	\$5,880	\$6,500	\$6,880	\$8,120	\$7,600	\$8,720	\$500	International and internal Ecuador airfare not included for all Galápagos voyages. Round-trip Miami/Guayaquil from \$660; Business from \$1,600. Roundtrip Guayaquil/Galápagos from \$420. Children (Under 12) from \$210.

National Geographic Polaris

CAPACITY: Capacity: 80 guests in 41 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Ecuador. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

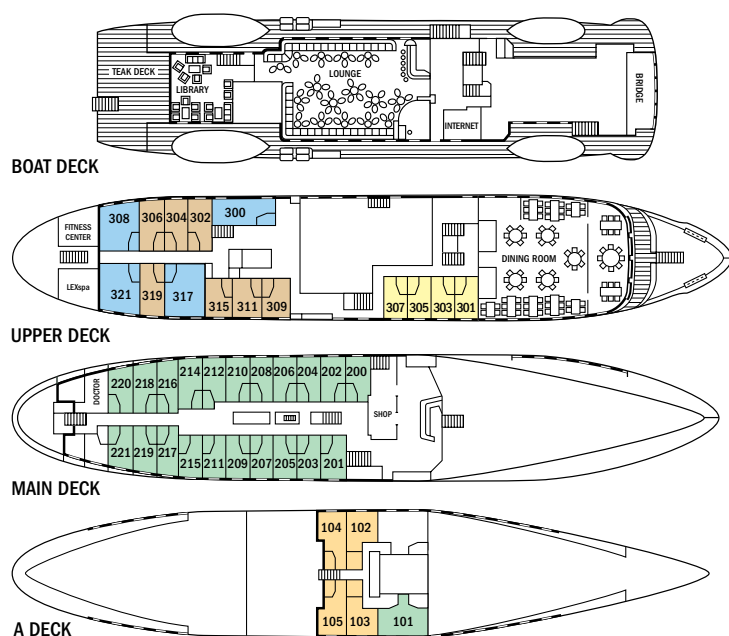
PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air-conditioned. Covered deck with hammocks, chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; LEXspa; Global Gallery; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; and Sky Deck. Our Ecuadorian Captain and Officers welcome guests to the Bridge in accordance with our "Open Bridge" policy.

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

CABINS: All face outside with windows or portholes (A Deck only), private facilities and climate controls.

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

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, laundry service, floating massage platform and Wellness Program. A ship's doctor and Video Chronicler are also on board.



National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

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

PUBLIC AREAS: Our twin sister ships feature a Library; Global Market; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; Observation Deck; partially covered Sun Deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our "Open Bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our Officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

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

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

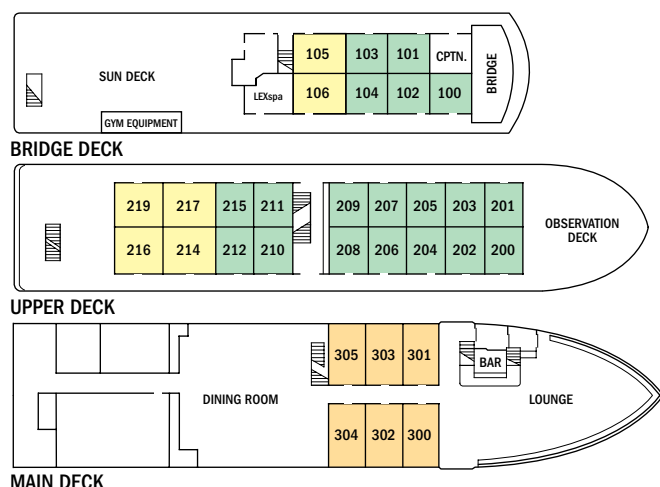
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, wet suits in Baja and Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access. A Video Chronicler on board all voyages. A ship's doctor and an Undersea Specialist are on board in Baja.

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



Photo above left: cocktail hour recaps are informative & always social; Right: The Dining Room with its wide-eyed windows and unassigned seating makes for easy mingling.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 – Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk and a large view window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 – These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 – These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

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

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

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Baja: Among the Great Whales – Page 26	2009	\$4,620	\$5,160	\$5,820	\$6,920	\$7,560	\$450	Special charter flight from Los Angeles to La Paz and return included. Some departures travel in reverse from La Paz to San Carlos, making all the same stops.
Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness – Page 30	2009	\$5,390	\$6,190	\$7,120	\$8,080	\$9,290	\$500	Sample Airfare: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$600; Business from \$1,175

Sea Voyager

CAPACITY: 60 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Honduras. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 174 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Ship is fully air conditioned. Covered deck with chairs and tables; Doctor's Office; Fitness Center; Library; Lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; and Sky Deck and LEXspa. Guests are welcome on our "Open Bridge" to meet the Captain and Officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Lunch is often served in the Lounge. Menu is international with a Central American flair.

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

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and Zodiac landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, laundry service and Global Market. A ship's doctor and a Video Chronicler are also on board.

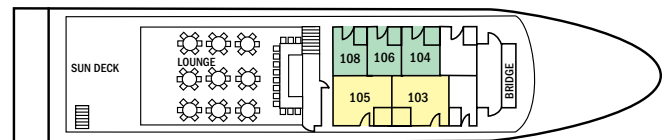
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features exercise equipment and outdoor stretching area.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #307-312, 315, 316; (Sole Occupancy Upper Deck #207, 208) – Cabins feature a large view window and a small writing desk with makeup table. Main Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed. Sole Occupancy cabins have one lower single bed.

CATEGORY 2: Upper Deck #205, 206, 209-212, 215-220; Bridge Deck #104, 106, 108 – Cabins include a small writing desk with makeup table. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a queen bed and large view windows while Bridge Deck cabins have two lower single beds, outside access and two windows.

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-204; Bridge Deck #103, 105 – These deluxe cabins are larger and include two single beds which can convert to a queen bed, a sofa bed for a third person, coffee table, easy chair, writing desk and ample closet and storage space. Upper Deck cabins have large windows while the Bridge Deck cabins have outside access and two windows.

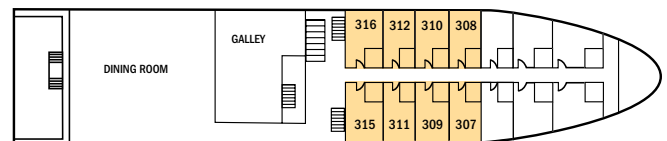
NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE: Airfare is not included.
The Panama Canal & Wonders of Costa Rica – Page 20	2009	\$4,660	\$5,250	\$6,300	\$4,660	\$7,880	\$400	Sample Airfare: Miami/Panama City, San José/Miami or vice versa: Economy from \$450 Business from \$1,250.
Monteverde + Costa Rica to Panama – Page 22	2009	\$5,640	\$6,230	\$7,280	\$6,140	\$9,360	\$500	Sample Airfare: Miami/San José, Panama City/Miami: Economy from \$450 Business from \$1,250.
Panama to Costa Rica + Monteverde, Arenal Volcano & Sarapaquí – Page 23	2009	\$6,840	\$7,430	\$8,480	\$7,340	\$10,560	\$600	Sample Airfare: Miami/Panama City, San José/Miami: Economy from \$450 Business from \$1,250.

Triton

CAPACITY: 42 guests in 20 outside staterooms and one Bridge Suite. **REGISTRY:** Egypt. Overall length: 236 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: English-style Atrium Lounge Bar; Midstream Bar and Sun Deck with chairs and sunbeds. There is an outside deck area for viewing.

MEALS: The dining salon offers continental cuisine, fine Middle Eastern dishes and rare local specialties. Lunch is usually a buffet, served on deck, weather permitting. There are no set seating times, and dinner is served à la carte. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and evening.

CABINS: All staterooms are spacious junior suites facing outside, with two large windows, sitting area, programmable safes, telephone, television and private VCRs. The staterooms are a mix of twin bedded cabins and double bedded cabins. Each cabin has a private bathroom with bathtub and shower, hair dryer and deluxe amenities. There is ample storage space in each cabin. The Bridge Suite runs the complete width of the vessel above the navigation bridge. It has its own small "Promenade Deck" curving 180 degrees, overlooking the bow and matching the scenic all-round view.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Her spaciousness and appropriate size set *Triton* apart from virtually all other ships on the Nile. She has the feel of a luxurious private yacht. *Triton* has three decks. The ship has been refitted to accommodate only 42 guests in 20 outside staterooms and one Bridge Suite. The vessel has heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools tiled with handmade glass mosaics. The spa is equipped with sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi. A professional masseur is on board and fitness equipment is available. The crew of 60 staff serving 42 guests makes for a ratio of almost 1.5 staff members per guest.

TWIN OR DOUBLE STATEROOMS

Main, Bridge and Upper decks

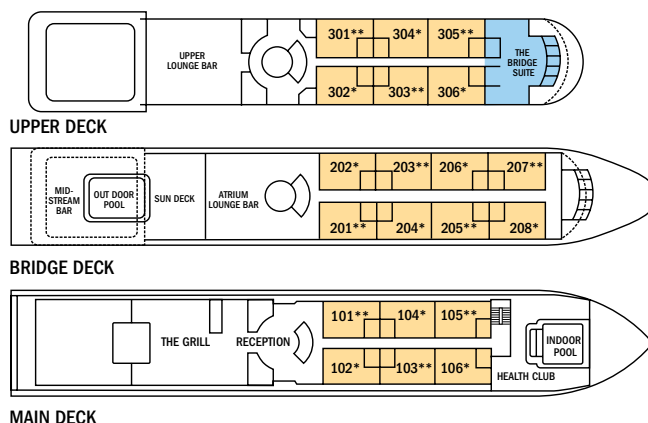
BRIDGE SUITE:

Upper deck

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Twin Staterooms only.



Insets clockwise from top left: The dining salon; twin bedded stateroom; double bedded stateroom; outdoor swimming pool.



*Double bedded **Twin bedded

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	STATEROOM	BRIDGE SUITE	STATEROOM SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Exploring Egypt - Page 42	2009	\$4,700	\$7,125	\$6,580	\$450	International airfare is not included. Sample Airfare: Round-trip NY/Cairo: Economy from \$1,390; Business from \$4,000.

Reservation Information

Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of snorkeling equipment and wet suits, use of kayaks (where available), tips (except to Egyptologists and ship's crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician on most voyages, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, scuba diving (where available), meals not indicated, baggage/accident/travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, laundry. Gratuities to Egyptologists and ship's crew at your discretion.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements. There will be a \$50 per person service fee if you elect for Lindblad Expeditions to handle your air arrangements.

Note: Complete pre-journey information, including suggestions on what to bring and recommended reading, will be sent prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment for the program as outlined is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. The per person amount due is noted on each itinerary page within this brochure.

Final Payment: For expeditions of eight nights or less, final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. For expeditions of nine nights or more, final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Ask about our comprehensive guest travel protection plan for a worry-free expedition.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad

Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our web site at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

For Expeditions 8 Nights or Less

Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
90 or more days	\$150*
89-60 days	Advance payment cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund

For Expeditions 9 Nights or More

Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$150*
119-90 days	Advance payment cost
89-60 days	25% of trip cost
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund

This policy applies to expeditions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan. Cancellation policy may differ for extensions. Please call for details.

**You will be issued a \$150 Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.*

Note: A variation of this policy applies to a party of eight people or more. Ask for details.

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Selected Honors and Awards

- > 2007 Tourism for Tomorrow "Global Tourism Business Award"
- > 2007 Seafood Champion Award
- > 2006 Newly discovered endemic species of moth *Undulambia lindbladi* named in honor of Sven Lindblad's dedication to Galápagos conservation
- > 1997-2002, 2005-2008 Condé Nast Traveler "Gold List"
- > 1996-2006 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Award
- > 2000-2006, 2008 Travel + Leisure "World's Best" Award-Tour Operator & Small-Ship Cruise Line
- > 2002 Condé Nast Traveler Ecotourism Award
- > 2001 United Nations Environment Programme Global 500 Award, conferred upon Sven-Olof Lindblad

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For Reservations: Contact your travel agent.

EXPEDITION CALENDAR
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Take Advantage of our Special Offers:

COMPLIMENTARY AIRFARE:

Complimentary economy group airfare is offered on select Lindblad departures. Please see bold, blue text on itinerary pages for details. (Complimentary airfare is based on economy group flights and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions.)

AIR CREDITS:

Take advantage of airfare credits on select “Galápagos” and “Galápagos + Peru” (pages 14-17); “Panama Canal & the Wonders of Costa Rica”, “Monteverde + Costa Rica to Panama”, and “Panama to Costa Rica + Monteverde, Sarapiquí & Arenal” (pages 20-23) departures.

SPECIAL SAVINGS:

Receive \$500 off plus complimentary airfare on select “Exploring Alaska’s Coastal Wilderness” departures (pages 30-31).

BRINGING A GROUP:

For your party of eight people or more, you will each receive 5% off the cost of your expedition. A deposit of 10% of the trip cost is required at the time of reservation, and an additional 25% is required 120 days in advance. Final payment is due 90 days in advance. (Excludes extension and airfare.)

Note: If taking advantage of this discount, a variation of the cancellation policy will apply. Please ask upon making your reservation.

BRINGING THE KIDS:

We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take \$500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under 18.

\$250 EARLY-BOOKING INCENTIVE:

We are pleased to offer an early-booking savings incentive. Reserve your place nine months (275 days or more) prior to the departure date of your selected expedition and receive a \$250 per person early-booking reduction.

THE FLEXIBLE TRAVELER PLAN:

You can save \$500 on the cost of “Galápagos” and “Among the Great Whales” expeditions — simply by choosing the month in which you’d like to travel, but remaining flexible about the departure date. First, make your reservation by selecting the month you wish to travel and choose your cabin category. Then, if space is available, one month prior to your selected travel month, we will inform you of your specific departure date.

**NOTE: Availability may be limited for the Flexible Traveler Plan. To reserve your place, an advance payment for the program as outlined is required the time of reservation. If, for any reason, we are unable to provide you with a departure date or the cabin category of your choice, you will receive a full refund plus a travel certificate worth \$250 per person to be used on any Lindblad Expeditions voyage. If we offer you a departure date and you decline to take it, you will forfeit your advance payment. Final payment is due seven days after you are confirmed on a departure. (Not applicable on Galápagos + Peru.)*

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS:

Save 10% on any consecutive journeys taken aboard one of our expedition ships. (Excludes extensions and airfares.)

OUR POLICY ON COMBINING OFFERS:

If the expedition that interests you provides more than one savings opportunity (e.g. it is eligible for Flexible Traveler and Kids savings), we won’t make you choose between them — you may combine up to 2 offers from any of the applicable savings offers.

VALUE-VOUCHER POLICY:

You, our guest, come first to us. So, in the event that we discount a departure for which you are booked, we will extend you the courtesy of a matching discount. You’ll receive a certificate representing the value of the promotional discount, which can be applied to any future Lindblad Expeditions voyage. It is transferable at your discretion.



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