



# Isles of the Indian Ocean & South Africa

*ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER — MARCH-APRIL 2009*



**EXPLORE WITH EXPERIENCE**





## Dear Traveler,

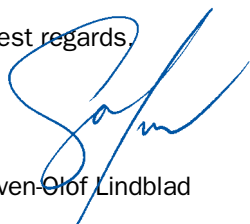
**E**very day around the world, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic are inspiring people to explore and care about the planet. I believe that traveling to places of great natural beauty or cultural interest is a restorative, energizing idea that will give you value that lasts: renewed faith in the future and deeper bonds with friends and family.

In the western end of the Indian Ocean, bordered by the African continent, the sea is dotted with intriguing island nations, each with natural history and cultures that richly reward the few travelers who venture there. We've crafted two itineraries ideally suited for our new, state-of-the-art expedition ship, the *National Geographic Explorer*.

A stellar Expedition Team has been assembled for you, including Expedition Leader Tim Soper, who has explored every ocean, and Naturalist-extraordinaire Tom Ritchie, a favorite Lindblad veteran, as well as National Geographic Photographers Michael Melford and Bob Krist. To top it off, we are most pleased to announce that Adventurer, Author and Filmmaker Tim Severin will be aboard our March 5, 2009 voyage. Sailing the Atlantic in a leather boat is just one of his many worldwide adventures, and he's a great traveling companion.

In these pages, you'll read about a wealth of spirit-lifting opportunities for adventure, learning and for encounters with beauty among the isles of the Indian Ocean that will last the rest of your life. I hope you will join us.

Best regards,



Sven-Olof Lindblad

**Book by Dec. 30 for a \$1,500 airfare credit on select departures.  
(See bold, blue text on itinerary pages for details.)**











La Digue Island, Seychelles.

## South Africa & Isles of the Indian Ocean

**S**cattered in the western part of the Indian Ocean, separated from the African continent by history, culture and geography, lie intriguing island nations with wildlife, plants and landscapes different from any on Earth. From the lemurs of Madagascar to the giant tortoises of the Seychelles, these isolated places richly reward the comparatively few travelers who venture here. Their tropical splendor seems straight out of a picture book: sugary-white sand beaches by a turquoise sea, perfect for swimming and snorkeling, with waving palms and amazing underwater coral gardens. We've crafted two distinctive itineraries.

**"An Epic Voyage to the Indian Ocean: South Africa, Mozambique, Madagascar, the French Comoros & Zanzibar"** explores five countries from the comfort of *National Geographic Explorer*. Beginning in South Africa, go in search of big game — rhinoceros, elephant, lion, giraffe and buffalo — and explore Cape Town, one of the world's great seaside cities with its landmark Table Mountain. Then discover the Indian Ocean in its wondrous variety, including Madagascar with its endearing lemurs. Learn about the cultures of Mozambique and the French Comoros and the "spice island" of Zanzibar.

**"Fabled Islands of the Indian Ocean: Exploring the Seychelles, Madagascar, the French Comoros, Mozambique & Zanzibar"** discovers idyllic islands where nature still thrives in full glory. Giant tortoises survive on Aldabra (where we spend two glorious days), and the fabled, double-cheeked coco-de-mer flourishes in the Vallée de Mai on Praslin. Both places are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Separated from the coast of Africa by 250 miles of blue water, Madagascar became a living laboratory of evolution: lemurs, found only here, bizarre-looking chameleons, "spiny forest" and magnificent baobab trees.



Coquerel's sifaka, Madagascar.



## Some experiences that define your Indian Ocean expedition

### THE ESSENCE OF EXPEDITION TRAVEL.

Discover five countries in far-flung corners of the Indian Ocean from the comfort of our new expedition ship, *National Geographic Explorer*.

**UNIQUE WILDLIFE.** These idyllic places have wildlife, plants and landscapes different from any others on earth: playful lemurs in Madagascar, giant tortoises in the Seychelles. In South Africa, go in search of big game.

**STORYBOOK LANDSCAPES.** Madagascar's magnificent baobab trees are world-renowned. The Seychelles has palm-fringed beaches lined with granite boulders, along with the coco-de-mer, an enormous seed surrounded by myths.

**CULTURAL MOSAIC.** Experience the traditional Seychellois and Malagasy cultures — a blend of Asian, African, French and English influences.

**SOUTH AFRICA.** Explore the South African coast on "Epic Voyage to the Indian Ocean." Discover the great seaside city of Cape Town and nature reserves including Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, where you can search for wildlife: elephant, giraffe, lion and buffalo.

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Travel with Michael Melford, who has shot over 30 stories for *National Geographic Traveler*, or with award-winning photographer Bob Krist, whose assignments have taken him to all seven continents.

### ADVENTURER TIM SEVERIN.

Sailing the Atlantic in a leather boat is just one of Tim Severin's many worldwide adventures. Travel with this intrepid explorer, author and filmmaker on the March 5 voyage.

### IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE MARINE


**EXPERIENCE.** Swim, snorkel and kayak amid myriad reef fish in these pristine waters. Our Undersea Specialist will capture the action below the water on underwater video.



**NEW**

# An Epic Voyage to the Indian Ocean: South Africa, Mozambique, Madagascar, Comoros & Zanzibar

**21 DAYS/18 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

DEPARTURE: 2009 Mar. 5  Photo Expedition

PRICES FROM: \$13,780 to \$25,390 (See page 14 for complete prices.)

Book by Dec. 30 to receive a \$1,500 airfare credit.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ EXPLORE FIVE COUNTRIES FROM THE COMFORT OF OUR FINE EXPEDITION SHIP.
- ▶ SPEND A DAY IN SEARCH OF BIG GAME: RHINOCEROS, ELEPHANT, LION, GIRAFFE AND BUFFALO.
- ▶ SWIM, SNORKEL, KAYAK AND VIEW LIVE UNDERWATER VIDEO FROM OUR UNDERSEA SPECIALIST.

**Your Expedition Team reveals the beauty and wildlife of these remote lands.**



**EXPEDITION LEADER:** With a degree in Ocean Sciences, Tim Soper (left) has explored every continent and every ocean.

**SOUTH AFRICA SPECIALIST:** Born in Cape Town, Nadia Eckhardt has extensive first-hand knowledge of the African continent.

**NATURALIST & EXPLORER:** Tom Ritchie, a lifelong expedition traveler, specializes in the remote, far reaches of the globe.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALIST:** Travel with National Geographic Photographer Michael Melford (right.)

*Check our web site for full bios of experts on this voyage.*



*Explorer and sail at sunset along the Cape of Good Hope. (B,L,D)*

**E**xtraordinary in its scope, our voyage explores the different habitats and nature reserves of the Indian Ocean. From the Cape of Good Hope, experience the wildlife of South Africa's bush country; Mozambique's coastline and capital; lemurs and other wildlife of Madagascar; the culture of Mayotte in the French Comoros Islands, and the storied "spice island" of Zanzibar.

### MAR. 5: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

### MAR. 6: CAPE TOWN

Arrive in Cape Town, set between

Table Mountain and Table Bay. Transfer to the Table Bay Hotel.

### MAR. 7: CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE OF GOOD HOPE)

Today is a good introduction to the region's natural history. Visit colonies of Cape fur seals and African penguins. At the Cape Point Nature Reserve, see where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 8: CAPE TOWN/EMBARK

Take the cable car (weather permitting) to the top of Table Mountain for great views, and visit renowned Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. Embark *National Geographic*

### MAR. 9: HERMANUS

From Hermanus, visit the Fernkloof Nature Reserve in search of baboons and mongoose. Alternatively, the adventurous can go (at additional cost) to Gansbaai, conditions permitting, for the heart-pounding experience of observing great white sharks from the safety of a steel cage. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 10: MOSSEL BAY/KNYSNA

Knysna is the gateway to South Africa's "Garden Route." Explore the private Featherbed Nature Reserve and visit the ancient Khoi Khoi sea caves. (B,L,D)

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Photos left to right: stand of baobab trees, Madagascar; elephants at Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve; Table Mountain, Cape Town.

### MAR. 11: PORT ELIZABETH

In bustling Port Elizabeth, visit the Ubuntu Education Fund, dedicated to developing quality education and healthy communities. Continue to Cape Recife Nature Reserve, offering great birding. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 12: AT SEA (B,L,D)

### MAR. 13: RICHARDS BAY/ HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI/ST. LUCIA

Drive to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve and board an open safari vehicle in search of big game: rhinoceros, elephant, lion, giraffe, antelopes and buffalo. Continue to Simangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO Site, for a boat cruise in

search of large groups of hippos, crocodiles and more. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 14: MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique's capital city is full of character. Visit the Botanical Gardens and colorful Central Market. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 15: EXPEDITION DAY: PONTA DA BARRA

With miles of unspoiled coastline, go ashore to enjoy the idyllic beaches, swim or snorkel. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 16: AT SEA (B,L,D)

### MAR. 17: TOLIARA, MADAGASCAR

Set off to Isalo National Park, where we take a four-wheel-drive ride and hike to a canyon in search of ring-tailed lemurs. We also visit some of Madagascar's "spiny forest." (B,L,D)

### MAR. 18: MORONDAVA

Drive to the renowned "Avenue of the Baobabs," with a large stand of the photogenic trees. Visit the Kirindy Forest to look for lemurs, chameleons and, with luck, fossas (striped civets). (B,L,D)

### MAR. 19: AT SEA (B,L,D)

### MAR. 20: ANJAJAVY

We've made special arrangements to visit a private reserve

called Anjajavy, where we look for Coquerel's sifakas, brown lemurs, ibises and flocks of lovebirds. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 21: MAYOTTE, FRENCH COMOROS

Mayotte, a territory of France, has a huge lagoon and colorful cultures. There's a chance to explore, snorkel or dive. (B,L,D)

### MAR. 22: AT SEA (B,L,D)

### MAR. 23: ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

Explore the "spice island" of Zanzibar, where cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon are still cultivated. Take a walking tour of historic Stone Town, a UNESCO site; visit the Sultan's Palace and learn about traditional Swahili culture. (B,L,D)

### MAR 24: DAR ES SALAAM/ DISEMBARK/FLY TO U.S. (B)

### MAR 25: ARRIVE HOME

## Optional Extensions

### Namibia, Pre-voyage

6 Days

### Northern Tanzania, Post-voyage

6 Days

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Hippos in river.

NEW

# Fabled Islands of the Indian Ocean: The Seychelles, Madagascar, Comoros, Mozambique & Zanzibar

18 DAYS/15 NIGHTS — NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

DEPARTURES: 2009 Mar. 22; Apr. 5\*  Both departures Photo Expeditions \*Travels from Mahé to Dar es Salaam.

PRICES FROM: \$12,420 to \$22,750 (See page 14 for complete prices.)

Book departure in blue by Dec. 30 to receive a \$1,500 airfare credit.

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ GUIDED BY NATURALISTS, SEE RARE LEMURS AND GIANT TORTOISES IN THE WILD.
- ▶ SWIM, SNORKEL AND SCUBA DIVE THE PRISTINE CORAL REEFS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.
- ▶ EXPLORE ON FOOT, UNDER THE SEA, BY KAYAK AND BY ZODIAC, WITH TIME FOR PERSONAL DISCOVERY.

### Discover an oceanic eden in the company of your expert Expedition Team.

**NATURALIST:** Ian Bullock (right) managed a seabird reserve in the Indian Ocean and co-authored the field guide *Birds of Seychelles*.

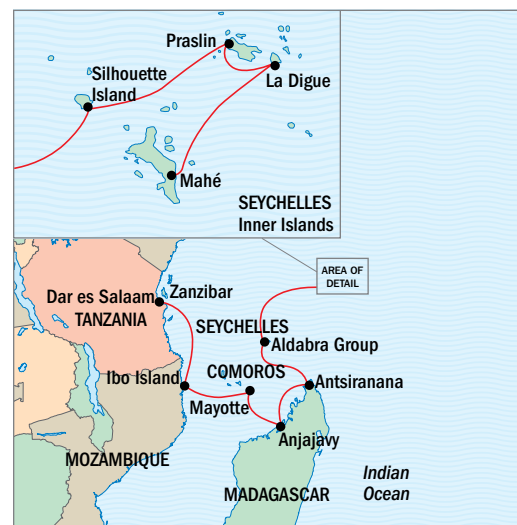
**NATURALIST:** Guy Esparon, born in the Seychelles, was Chief Warden of the Aldabra World Heritage Site.



**UNDERSEA SPECIALIST:** Dr. Dennis Cornejo (left) shares his vast knowledge of the marine world — a great source of entertaining education.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALISTS:** Travel with National Geographic Photographers Michael Melford or Bob Krist.

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



Stroll historic Stone Town, a UNESCO site, and visit the Sultan's Palace. (B,L,D)

**F**ar from anywhere, surrounded by warm seas, these tranquil places have wildlife, plants, landscapes and people different from any others on Earth. They represent something rare and beautiful: the chance to explore remote and idyllic regions and to learn about their unique wildlife and cultures. From the lemurs of Madagascar to the rare birds and giant tortoises of the Seychelles, to the coral reefs and extraordinary marine life, you'll see tropical nature at its most exuberant.

#### DAYS 1-2: U.S./FLY OVERNIGHT TO DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Arrive in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's capital, and check in to the Kilimanjaro Hotel Kempinski. (D)

#### DAY 3: DAR ES SALAAM/EMBARK

Today explore Dar es Salaam and the National Museum, which contains the Leakey family's discoveries from Olduvai Gorge. Embark ship. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 4: ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar is the "spice island" where cloves, nutmeg and cinnamon are cultivated.

#### DAY 5: AT SEA (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6: IBO ISLAND, MOZAMBIQUE

Ibo Island, a former hub for the Portuguese slave and ivory trade, is one of Mozambique's oldest and most atmospheric places. See the remains of colonial mansions and the Fort of São João Batista. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7: MAYOTTE, FRENCH COMOROS

Mayotte, a territory of France, has a huge lagoon and colorful cultures. There's a chance to explore, snorkel or dive. (B,L,D)

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Photos left to right: red-fronted brown lemur, wild chameleon in Madagascar; giant tortoise, Seychelles.

#### DAY 8: ANJAJAVY

Visit Anjajavy, a private reserve, and look for Coquerel's sifakas, ibises and flocks of lovebirds. Take kayak and Zodiac forays. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9: ANTSIRANANA (DIEGO SUAREZ)/AMBER MOUNTAIN, MADAGASCAR

Explore Amber Mountain National Park, known for its lemur populations, chameleons and Madagascar paradise flycatchers. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10: ASSUMPTION, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS

Arrive today in the Seychelles, anchoring off Assumption Island. Stroll through coconut groves, swim from the powder-white sand beach, or snorkel and dive amid the prolific undersea life. (B,L,D)

#### DAYS 11-12: ALDABRA, SEYCHELLES ISLANDS

Sail to remote Aldabra Atoll, a UNESCO Site and one of the last remaining refuges for the giant tortoise. Our Zodiacs pass through the channels of Aldabra's huge lagoon as we observe the rich marine life below — reef sharks, rays and turtles. There's amazing snorkeling, and divers are in for a thrill on an exciting drift dive. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13: ASTOVE

At Astove we look for nests of green

turtles, and go snorkeling or diving along a huge coral wall. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 14: EXPLORING THE AMIRANTE GROUP

We may land at Alphonse Island to visit the old copra plantation and for excellent snorkeling and diving. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 15: ARIDE

Tiny Aride is a seabird breeding ground, with roseate terns, lesser noddies and tropicbirds. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 16: PRASLIN/LA DIGUE

Praslin's unique palm forest, the Vallée de Mai, is a UNESCO Site and home to the rare coco-de-mer. Photogenic La Digue has gigantic granite boulders and powdery white-sand beaches for swimming.

Walk through the forest reserve to look for the rare Seychelles black parrot. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 17: MAHE/DISEMBARK/ FLY TO U.S. (B)

#### DAY 18: ARRIVE HOME

**\*ON THE MARCH 22 DEPARTURE, GUESTS WILL SPEND A NIGHT IN DUBAI EN ROUTE TO THE U.S., ARRIVING HOME ON DAY 18.**

### Optional Extensions Northern Tanzania, Pre- and Post-voyage

**6 Days. Please call for details.**

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Swim and snorkel amid  
myriad reef fish and  
underwater coral gardens.





## Inspiring people to explore and care about the planet

### **Lindblad Difference:**

You deserve the highest quality experience when you invest in travel. For over 40 years, Lindblad Expeditions has been turning travelers into active explorers. Mind, body and spirit — you'll be fully engaged.



**Extensive Experience:** The expertise of our Captains, Expedition Leaders and Naturalists means that you'll learn more and see more.

**National Geographic:** Travel with National Geographic Photographers, who will share tricks of the trade and stories from the field, and help you capture the photogenic magic of the Indian Ocean.

**Flexible Itineraries:** You'll be able to maximize your interaction with nature's unplanned gifts thanks to the flexibility of our itineraries.

**Outstanding Ship Service:** With a crew-to-guest ratio of 1:2 and 10 Naturalists plus an Expedition Leader, National Geographic Photographer, Video Chronicler and Assistant EL for a maximum of 148 guests, our staff is always available.

**Unmatched Tools for Exploration:** Our fleet of kayaks and Zodiac landing craft are the perfect vehicles for everyone to experience up-close views and personal discoveries. An Undersea Specialist utilizes the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, Splash Cam and bow camera to bring the seldom seen, or heard, to vivid life.



**Wellness Program:** We invite you to join our Wellness Specialist for morning stretch classes, active hikes, massage therapy, pampering body treatments and more.

Travel with engaging,  
entertaining and  
knowledgeable experts.

Share the deck rail, a drink in the lounge or a fascinating dinner conversation with National Geographic Photographers and Explorers. Enjoy their company while profiting from their knowledge and experience. Accompanied by our veteran team of Marine Mammal Experts, Geologists, Birders, Historians, Undersea Specialists and Expedition Leaders, your experience will be the equivalent of a private docent tour — of the “living museum” of the Indian Ocean.



From left: National Geographic Photographers Michael Melford and Bob Krist, Expedition Leader Tim Soper and Naturalist Tom Ritchie. Find bios and more at [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com). Select your itinerary and click on “Expedition Team.”



# National Geographic Explorer: Unmatched Tools for Exploration



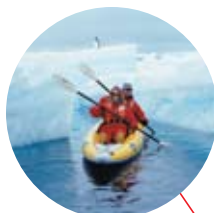
National Geographic Explorer is a **fully stabilized Expedition Ship**, holding 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins. She underwent a complete refit in 2008.

**The Chart Room**, with nautical maps and other navigational information, is where guests can learn about sea voyaging.

**A Remote Controlled Crow's Nest Camera** with real-time footage broadcasts on high-definition LCD video screens within each cabin for a bird's-eye view of the action. An **Electronic Chart System** broadcasts as a channel in the cabins.

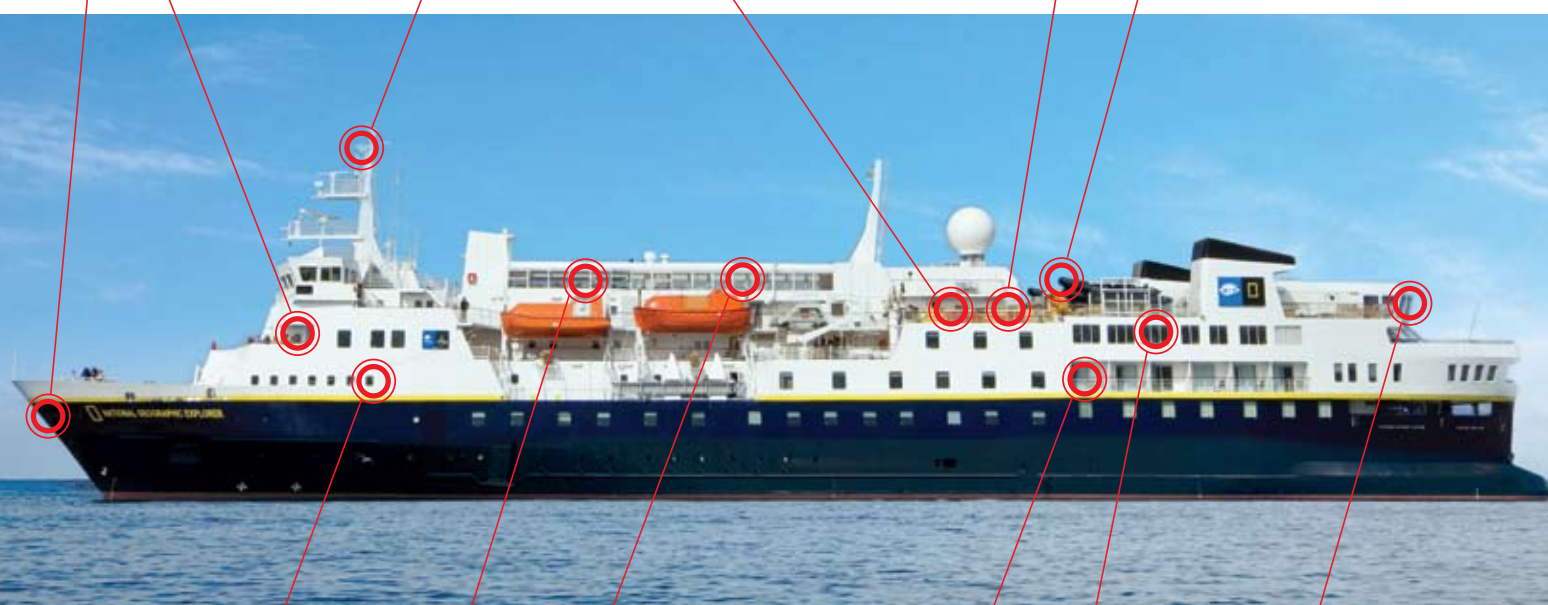


The ship is equipped with top-caliber **Exploration Tools**, including a **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can dive to 1,000 feet under the sea.



**A Fleet of 36 Kayaks** allows guests to have personal encounters with remote and pristine environments.

**A Fleet of 14 Zodiacs** and smart boarding logistics allow guests to get "out there" faster. A convenient, launch-level **Mud Room and Lockers** stow boots and gear.



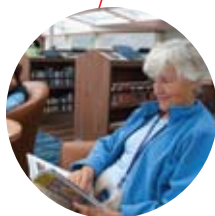
**Dining** is on a single seating, no assigned seats basis allowing for relaxed and easy mingling — in the Restaurant and the intimate Bistro.



**The Observation Lounge**, a glass-enclosed venue with exceptional views, provides panoramic vistas of scenic destinations.

**The Fitness Center's** large windows providing a 180-degree view of ocean and sky —inspiration for working out on a full complement of exercise equipment. **The Wellness Spa** has two treatment rooms with skylights and a relaxation room with a sauna.

**The Library** invites you to steep yourself in quiet and a bounty of books — from illustrated natural histories to bestsellers.



National Geographic Explorer is outfitted with all **Outside Cabins**, some feature Balconies, including suites.



**The Lounge**, outfitted with high-definition plasma TVs, an advanced sound system and a presentation podium, is the ideal venue for engaging presentations & discussions.

# Expedition Travel 21st- Century Style

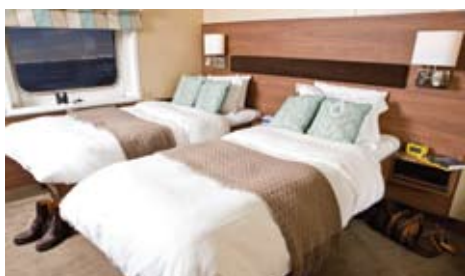


“What I really like about the ship is there are so many nooks and crannies where people can sit and talk or have a quiet time. The Bistro area is great for people to sit. The Lounge is lovely and quiet. There are just so many places you can hang out, without being on top of each other. That is a huge advantage on this ship.” — Brenda S., Guest on inaugural voyage



Spark a friendship on deck, over cocktails in the Lounge (top, right) or in the wide-open, glass-enclosed Observation Lounge (top, middle). Our onboard style mixes casual clothes, relaxed attitudes, curious travelers and interesting conversation. Dining is excellent: Full buffet breakfasts, casual lunches, leisurely dinners and no assigned seating (left). The Fitness Center (top, left) and Wellness Spa offer the option to be rigorous, indulgent or both.

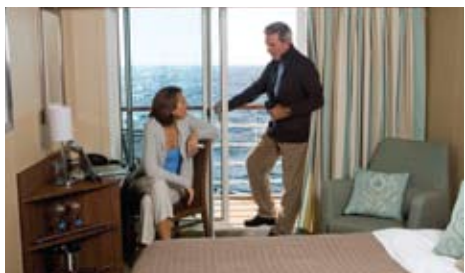




Category 4 double cabin with window.



Spacious solo cabins available on all guest decks.



Category 6 cabin with balcony.



Category 8 suite with balcony.

**The ship that 40 years of expedition experience built. Designed for 21st century exploration, brand-new and outfitted with modernist comforts, she caters to your mind, body and spirit.**

**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 comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An Undersea Specialist operates sophisticated underwater video equipment, extending access to the undersea.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Bistro Bar; Chart Room; Restaurant; Elevator on guest decks; 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:** 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.

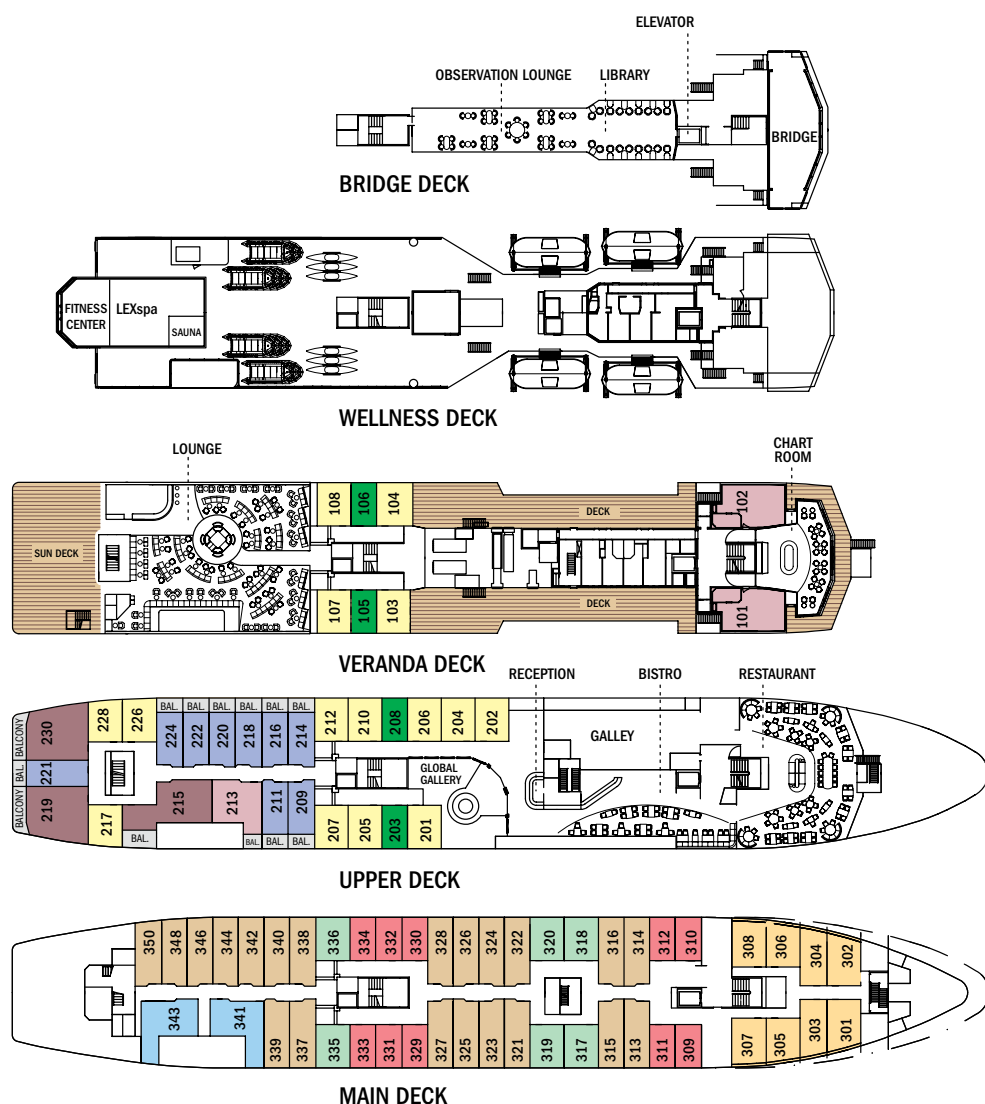
**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, video microscope.

**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.

*Ship's Registry: Bahamas*

# National Geographic Explorer



**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck with Porthole  
#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.

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 |
|--------------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| An Epic Voyage to Indian Ocean | 2009 | \$13,780 | \$14,590 | \$15,290 | \$15,890 | \$18,960 | \$18,960 | \$21,890 | \$25,390 | \$18,240    | \$18,990    | \$1,500         |
| Fabled Islands of Indian Ocean | 2009 | \$12,420 | \$13,170 | \$13,830 | \$14,380 | \$16,990 | \$16,990 | \$19,620 | \$22,750 | \$16,460    | \$17,290    | \$1,500         |

**NOTE: SEE ITINERARY PAGES FOR A \$1,500 AIRFARE CREDIT ON SELECT DEPARTURES.** Sample Airfares: Epic Voyage: NY/Cape Town, Dar es Salaam/NY Economy from \$1,950. Fabled Islands: NY/Dar es Salaam, Mahé/NY Economy from \$1,925.



## Take advantage of our special offers:

**AIRFARE CREDIT:** A \$1,500 Airfare Credit is offered on select Lindblad departures. Please see bold, blue text on itinerary pages for details.

**BRINGING A GROUP:** For your party of eight people or more, you'll each receive 5% off the expedition cost. A deposit of 10% of the trip cost is required when reserving, and an additional 25% is required 120 days in advance. Final payment is due 90 days in advance. (Excludes airfare and extensions.) **NOTE:** If taking advantage of this discount, a variation of the cancellation policy will apply.

**BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS:** Save 10% on any consecutive voyages taken aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. (Excludes extensions and airfares.)

**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 price for each person under 18.

**COMBINING-OFFERS POLICY:** If the expedition that interests you provides more than one savings opportunity (i.e. it is eligible for complimentary airfare and Kids savings), we won't make you choose between them — you may combine up to 2 offers from any of the applicable 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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## Reservation Information

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

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

**Sample Airfare:** 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 to you approximately four months 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 page 14.

**Final Payment:** 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:** 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 at [www.expeditions.com/terms](http://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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Contact your travel agent.

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

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 and extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.*

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

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**What do you want to see, to feel, to know?**  
**How will the choices you make this year enrich your life?**

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