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Dear Traveler,

Each year from early November into March I follow our two ships, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*, vicariously through what we call DERs (Daily Expedition Reports). It's a kind of obsession, and at least allows us to keep some connection with this most dramatic and exhilarating continent.

We can see the animals, the ever-changing light, massive icebergs, and what our guests are up to—like the remarkable encounter on December 16, captured in the image at left.

I've been fortunate in that I've had the opportunity on many occasions to actually be there, and I can assure you that there is no travel experience like it. The first time I went to Antarctica in 1975, I didn't sleep for three days, so mesmerizing was every nuance.

Now, 40 years later, we've taken thousands there, and every time I meet one of those hearty souls, the stories pour out—of watching a leopard seal hunting penguins, an iceberg the size of an apartment building rolling over, or a hike to a hilltop with 360° dramatic icescapes all around.

You should go, too. There is an abundance of wonder and nothing to fear.

It's not even that cold. In fact, it's generally more comfortable in Antarctica than winter here in the Northeast. And, for those who fear the infamous Drake Passage, it's generally exaggerated. (My recipe, if it gets a bit rough and you don't like it, just stay in bed for the day, and wake up to the most glorious sight you could imagine, as the continent looms ahead.)

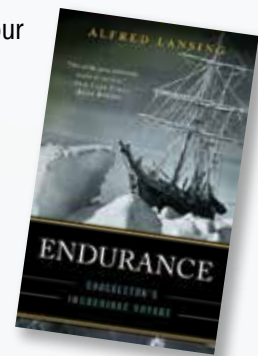
And, finally, if you do choose to go, I would strenuously advise that you go with us. We believe in Shackleton's mantra, which is to bring all explorers home from magnificent Antarctic adventures. And that's exactly what we've done for decades.

All the best,

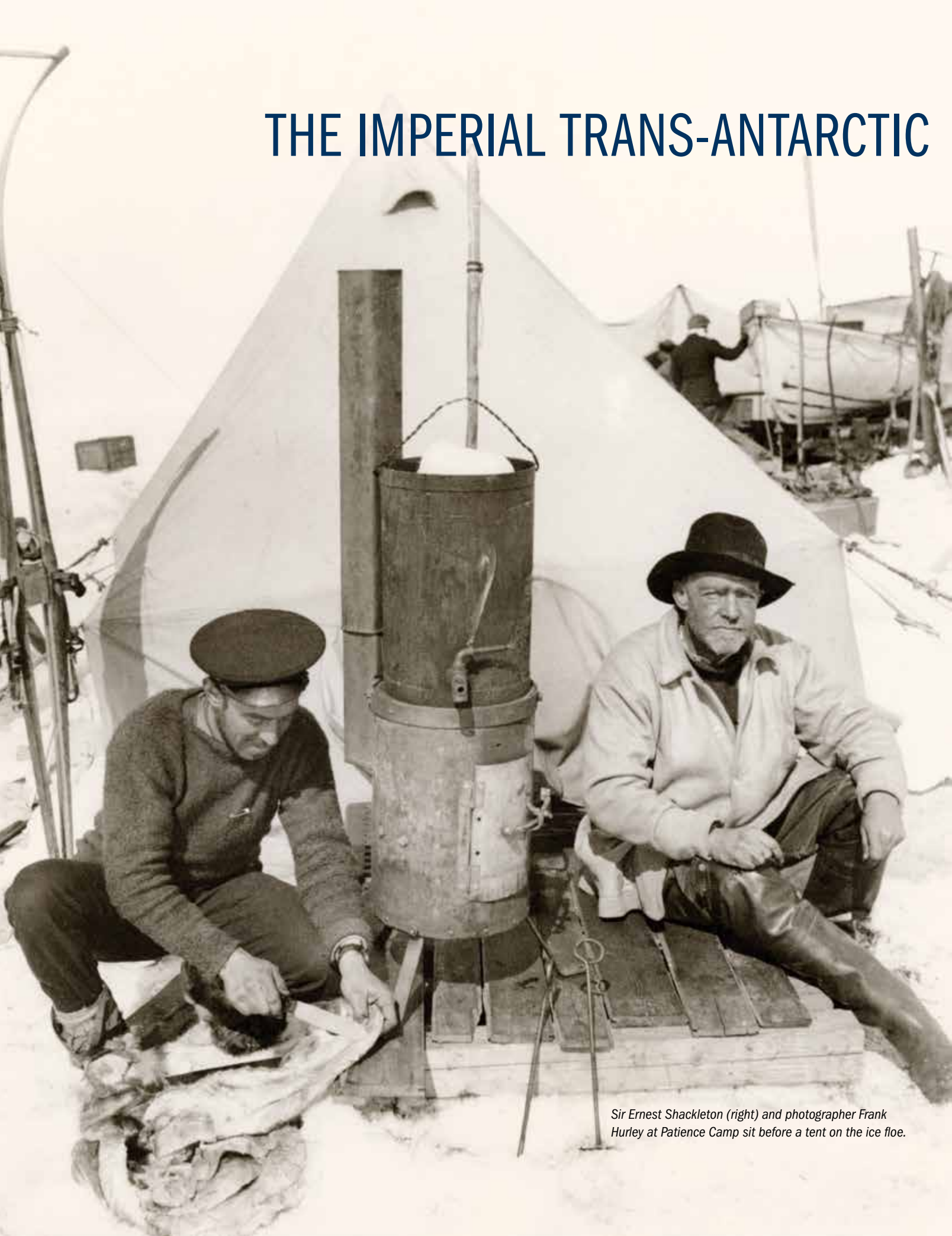


Sven-Olof Lindblad

P.S. Reserve your place now and be inspired with our compliments. First published in 1959, *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing is considered by many the definitive account of Shackleton's 1914-16 expedition. A lively pre-voyage read, and our "Thank You" to you for choosing to explore Antarctica with us, it will be sent prior to your departure.



THE IMPERIAL TRANS-ANTARCTIC



Sir Ernest Shackleton (right) and photographer Frank Hurley at Patience Camp sit before a tent on the ice floe.

EXPEDITION CENTENNIAL

In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 stalwart individuals attempted to undertake what Shackleton described as “*the one remaining great object of Antarctic journeying*”—crossing the continent on foot from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea via the South Pole. While disaster famously beset the *Endurance* expedition, Shackleton, through extraordinary leadership and dogged, relentless effort, lost none of his men; all were saved in 1916.

The legendary tale of how he accomplished this is still taught in the best military and business schools on the planet. And it has inspired us as an expedition company, since Lars-Eric Lindblad took the first group of ‘citizen explorers’ to Antarctica in 1966. Shackleton’s leadership model underlies everything about us: the Ice Masters and expedition teams we assign, the guiding principles we adhere to, and the high degree of respect and caution we bring to voyaging in the untamed wildness of Antarctica.

Our expedition team has given guests a stirring presentation on the Shackleton expedition every season since our beginning. And no Lindblad-National Geographic expedition to South Georgia is complete without a pilgrimage to Shackleton’s gravesite and a whisky toast.* So, taking advantage of the Centennial to honor him is simply another chance to do what our hearts and minds do annually.

However, the Centennial creates a fresh opportunity—to illuminate another fascinating, possibly less familiar, aspect of the *Endurance* story.

The team Shackleton recruited for his expedition included engineers, a geologist, a meteorologist, a biologist, a physicist, an artist, and a photographer. We know from Shackleton’s own and other accounts that much valuable scientific data was collected, however all was lost when the *Endurance* sank.

What remains are the photographs taken by expedition photographer, Frank Hurley. Books by and about Shackleton’s expedition are many. But the fact we remain enthralled, moved, and are able to feel each individual personality involved some hundred years hence, is largely due to Frank Hurley. His vivid, authentic, compassionate, and stunning record of the people, the place and the experience, and his technical mastery, still thrill us all, even in this age of mega-pixel smartphones, sophisticated photo gear, and post-production software.

So, it is to Frank Hurley, expedition photographer extraordinaire, that we dedicate our **2015-16 Antarctic, South Georgia and the Falklands season**. We invite you to join us this year, and to have your own experience of Antarctica’s wonders greatly enhanced by this *homage*.



Australian photographer Frank Hurley was an incredible technician, a perfectionist and an innovator—he is credited with several photographic firsts, even the invention of the documentary.

**For more on this subject, please see page 26.*



Expedition photographer Frank Hurley would go to almost any lengths to get the photograph he wanted. In this image he is seen high up on the rigging of the Endurance with his cinematograph, filming Shackleton as he examines the ice ahead of the ship. He is a hero to our expedition photographers, and the 'patron saint' of our exclusive Expedition Photography Program.

EXCLUSIVE ONBOARD CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Centennial Presentation Created exclusively by Lindblad Expeditions, this entertaining multimedia presentation will bring Frank Hurley to vivid life. Learn about his outsize personality, globe-spanning achievements, and the story behind his famous photos—as you get inside his experience in Antarctica 100 years ago.

Centennial Photo Ops & More After the presentation, guests are invited to go ashore with their National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors—to hear stories about Hurley's technical skills, toughness and artistic greatness, as they aim for their own ship-in-Antarctica and other shots. Those who choose to hike in the spacious beauty of the Antarctic evening with a naturalist or historian will hear stories about how Shackleton's men survived and what (beyond luck, leadership and daring) enabled them all to return home.

» WATCH FRANK HURLEY'S BIOGRAPHER, ALASDAIR MCGREGOR, AS HE LOOKS THROUGH HURLEY'S ORIGINAL DIARIES FOR THE FIRST TIME AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/HURLEYDIARY](https://www.lindblad.com/expeditions.com/hurleydiary)



OUR EXCLUSIVE EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Expedition photography is in our DNA. Photographers accompanied all of Lars-Eric Lindblad's pioneering expeditions. Sven Lindblad spent his formative years as a photographer in Africa; has published several books, worked on documentaries, and continues to shoot regularly, contributing to our photo library. And he has assigned photographers to every expedition we've undertaken.

Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic formed a meaningful and productive alliance in 2004. As a result, *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion*, our polar ships, are the only ships voyaging in Antarctica with top National Geographic photographers aboard every departure.

With significant careers to their credit, these multi-published pros are there to inspire, advise and assist guests of all skill and interest levels. In addition, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor is on hand to help novice enthusiasts understand their camera and its settings, the basics of composition, and wildlife behavior, so they can be in the right place at the right time. Our on-board Expedition Photography Program also includes slideshows, photo critiques, and other photo-sharing events for all to enjoy. It's fun and infectious—guests who never thought of themselves as photographers get caught up in the joy of “aim & create.” So whether you use a smartphone, a point & shoot, or a sophisticated DSLR, count on returning home with improved skills, confidence, and your best shots ever.

» MEET THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS AND PHOTO INSTRUCTORS ON OUR 2015-16 DEPARTURES ON PAGE 25.



Endurance among great blocks of ice.



An up-close encounter with a minke whale.



Kayakers observe a Weddell seal on the ice.



“...nine splendid bergs. One mighty specimen was shaped like the rock of Gibraltar but with steeper cliffs, and another had a natural dock that would’ve contained the Aquitania. A spur of ice closed the entrance to the huge blue pool. Hurley brought out his cinematograph-camera, in order to make a record of these bergs.”*

—ERNEST SHACKLETON, *SOUTH: THE STORY OF ERNEST SHACKLETON'S 1914-1917 EXPEDITION*

21ST-CENTURY POLAR EXPLORING

The ice in all its myriad forms. The penguins and their endlessly amusing antics—gabbling in their rookeries, bobbing by on a blue berg, or catapulting onto shore after a day of feeding at sea. Sleek leopard seals, genial-looking predators, sunning themselves on floes. The doe-eyed crabeater seals. The lethally beautiful killer whales slicing through the water like a pack of hunting knives. And the jet-black mountains shooting straight from the sea to improbable, white-laced heights.

Every facet of Antarctica is thrilling, and heart-achingly lovely.


Its vastness is both humbling and uplifting. Its silence both daunting and among the greatest gifts this noisy world can give you. It is like nothing and nowhere else. It must be seen to be believed.

Discover it on personal encounters, and share the experience with like-minded others.

**A Cunard ship, nicknamed “Ship Beautiful,” the Aquitania embarked her maiden voyage from London to New York on May 30, 1914. Shackleton embarked his expedition on August 1, 1914 and therefore would have been aware of the publicity attending her launch. His reference was likely as much about the beauty of the blue pool as it was about the scale.*



A guest gets his photo.



“The only return and privilege an Explorer has in the way of acknowledgement for the help accorded him is to record on the discovered lands the names of those to whom the Expedition owes its being.”

—ERNEST SHACKLETON, *SOUTH*

This page: Lindblad Cove. Opposite, from left: Sven Lindblad explores Lindblad Cove for the first time; Lars-Eric Lindblad in 1973. Once common, dog teams were banned in the 1991 Environmental Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty.

63° 51' S, 59° 27' W

Ernest Shackleton, in the time-honored tradition of exploration, assigned the names of his benefactors to the map of Antarctica he and his men 'drew' by right of discovery. These place names stand recorded and honored today: Caird Coast and Beardmore Glacier are two of the better known. In the hundred years since his expedition, nearly all of the remaining blank spaces in the world have been filled in, named by explorer after explorer. However, there is one instance in Antarctica in which the acknowledgment flowed to, not from, the explorer.

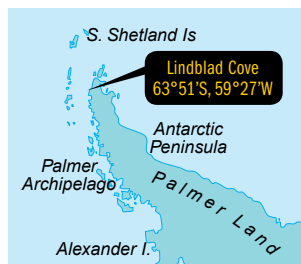
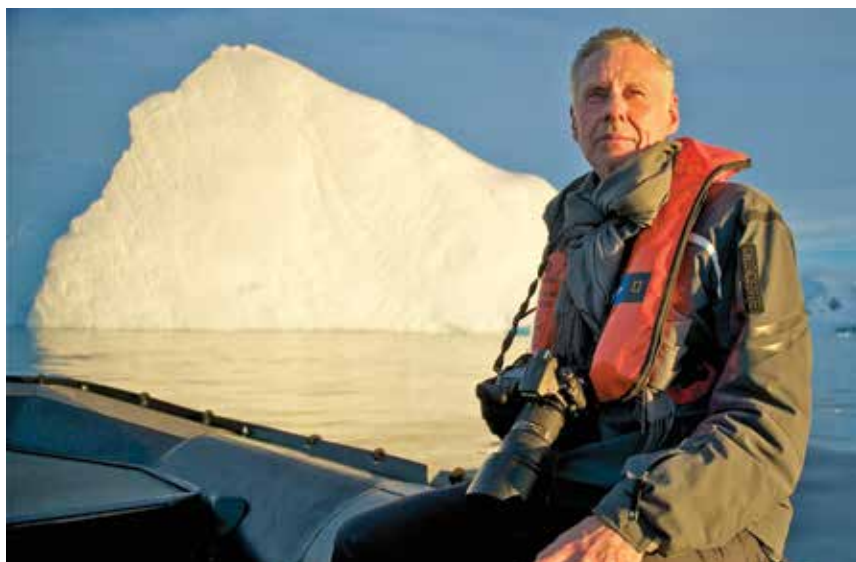
In 1996, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names recognized Lars-Eric Lindblad's contribution to Antarctica by officially designating a section of Charcot Bay as "Lindblad Cove." Their letter stated that, "A noted conservationist, Mr. Lindblad operated the first cruise to Antarctica in 1966 and was a leader in the concept of expedition tourism as a means of environmental awareness."

During our Antarctic season, our ships may occasionally call at Lindblad Cove, where a toast is invariably made to the memory of Lars-Eric by the ship's staff, some of whom first traveled to Antarctica with him aboard the *Lindblad Explorer*.



EXPLORATION MERITS DISTINCTION

To commemorate the Centennial of The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1917) we have commissioned a special badge, a symbol of our respect for Antarctica past, present and future, available exclusively to guests who explore with us during the 2015/16 Antarctic season. Affixed to the expedition parka described on pages 30-31, it will be a lasting keepsake, a quiet reminder that you shared the magic of Antarctica during a special moment in its history. And, that you too are a genuine polar explorer.





The voyage of the James Caird, Endurance's lifeboat, launched from Elephant Island to South Georgia, a distance of 800 nautical miles. Undertaken by Shackleton and five companions, its objective was to obtain rescue for the crew trapped on Elephant Island after the loss of Endurance.



Three king penguins greet the Lindblad landing party on South Georgia.



A pair of southern elephant seals.



Sir Ernest Shackleton's final resting place, South Georgia.

“This record of the voyage to South Georgia is based upon scanty notes made day by day. The notes dealt usually with bare facts of distances, positions, and weather, but our memories retained the incidents of the passing days in a period never to be forgotten.”

—ERNEST SHACKLETON, SOUTH

GO FURTHER, TO SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS



Dense colonies of king penguins, fur seals, elephant seals, and macaroni penguins. Slopes thick with grey-headed, black-browed, wandering and light-mantled sooty albatross—nearly a third of all birds of the species nest here—and that’s only South Georgia. Add the Falklands, with its colonies of rockhopper penguins, windward ledges filled with albatross, and the resolute Englishness of the sheep camps dotting the landscape, and you have one of the most life-enhancing travel experiences on the planet.

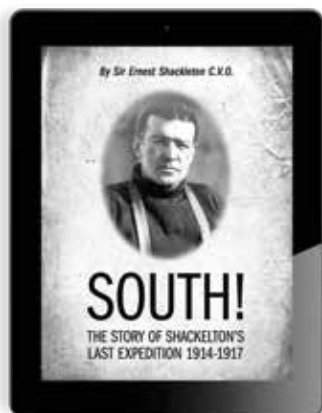
Why stop at Antarctica when there is this much more to discover? Follow in Shackleton’s footsteps and explore more. *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* both offer a convenient number of dates for this longer voyage (see pages 34-37).

» GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKER DR. JOE MACINNIS’S PROGRAM (PAGE 24), *SHACKLETON’S GRAVE*, RECENTLY AIRED ON CANADA’S CBC. SEE THE ACCOMPANYING VISUAL ESSAY AT CBC.CA/IDEAS/EPISODES/2014/12/09/SHACKLETONS-GRAVE/



“The most spectacular place I’ve ever been. Compares to

Virtually every guest we’ve ever talked to returning from this expedition echoes the guest comment above. To experience the sheer numbers of elegant king penguins in South Georgia’s rookeries, the masses of elephant seals and other creatures, is mind-altering. And to discover the surprise of the wildlife-rich Falklands—majestic albatross massed on the windward ledges, antic rockhopper penguins and more—is a deeply moving experience, as well.



**AN EXCLUSIVE KINDLE EDITION OF SOUTH—
YOURS WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS**

South is Shackleton's account of the Endurance expedition, in his own 'voice.' Our exclusive illustrated Kindle edition was designed to honor the Endurance Centennial. Go to expeditions.com/South to find out how to get your digital copy of South with our compliments.



*A vast king penguin colony spread out over the South Georgia landscape.
Huge elephant seals amid the kings (below), South Georgia.*

the Serengeti for sheer mass of wildlife.”





THE FALKLANDS IS PART BRITAIN, PART WILD KINGDOM

Grazing sheep, tea and crumpets, the Falklands remain resolutely British despite their remoteness and stirring wildness. And what makes Stanley, the capital so charming, is the look of a child's drawing it has, with its brightly-colored roofs and quaint, cottage-style houses. Most of the 2,100 islanders live here. The rest live out on pristine sheep farms on what islanders call "the camp." During our time here, we interrupt hikes on the varied, lyrical island landscapes to receive the hospitality of our island friends. And we'll delight in observing the bustle of multiple species coexisting in the camp and on the beaches.

Photos clockwise from top left: The Falklands are a delightful home to all kinds of wildlife, including comical rockhopper penguins and ten species of albatross; and a most welcoming human population that remains British with iconic red phone booths, afternoon tea and sheep grazing the landscape.





JAMES BALOG, of Emmy Award-winning *Chasing Ice* fame, is a photographer who has redefined the notion of environmental photography. He initiated the Extreme Ice Survey (EIS) in 2007, the most wide-ranging ground-based photographic glacier study ever conducted.

15,000 STUNNING IMAGES CAPTURED

In 2014 we began an unprecedented collaboration with the EIS team to help them extend their ice-monitoring by placing time-lapse cameras on the seventh continent. James Balog and his team traveled with us, and our guests, on the February 15, 2014 departure aboard *National Geographic Explorer* to set up cameras overlooking numerous glaciers on the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia Island, and to train members of our expedition team—to act as adjuncts to Balog’s team by monitoring and facilitating the ongoing collection of photographs for the next five years. The cameras, tirelessly capturing images, are designed to create a visual record of how Antarctica’s glaciers are responding to our changing climate.



The EIS team in Antarctica, from left to right: Matt Kennedy, Steve Nowland, Dan McGrath and Lindblad Expeditions' naturalist, certified photo instructor, and EIS team adjunct, Eric Guth.

This past November, members of the EIS team returned aboard *Explorer* to download images from the six previously installed cameras and place six new cameras in key locations. The EIS team was thrilled to discover that all the installed cameras were working perfectly—yielding 15,000 never-before-seen images.

It's a privilege for us to continue assisting Balog and his team, and it's a great opportunity for our guests to be part of the cutting edge of climate science today.

» SEE AN INTERVIEW WITH JAMES BALOG ABOARD *EXPLORER* IN SOUTH GEORGIA AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/CHASINGICE](https://www.expeditions.com/chasingice)

» READ THE EIS TEAM'S BLOG ENTRIES FROM ANTARCTICA AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXTREME-ICE-SURVEY-RETURN](https://www.expeditions.com/extreme-ice-survey-return)



In another recent collaboration our intrepid young videographer, Eric Wehrmeister, hiked over South Georgia with the 43-lb. 15-lens Google Trekker on his back, recording a photo every 2.5 seconds—to give you the world's best preview.

Learn more at [expeditions.com/google](https://www.expeditions.com/google)



It's in the spring season (Nov.-Dec.) when the captain can adroitly "park" National Geographic Explorer, allowing guests to disembark directly on the ice.



Guests on deck aboard National Geographic Orion in the extraordinary Lemaire Channel.

ULTIMATE POLAR EXPEDITION SHIPS

National Geographic Explorer, flagship of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet, is a purpose-built expedition ship, and the only newly converted ship whose design is informed by 45+ years of Lindblad's polar expedition experience, plus the collective 170 years of expedition experience the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic alliance represents.

National Geographic Orion, the most recent addition to the fleet, is also a purpose-built expedition ship, commissioned in 2004 and constructed to traverse vast expanses of the Southern Ocean, from the tropics to the polar reaches.

Both are ice-class polar operating vessels, built to demanding technical specifications with DNV Ice 1A, ice-classed hulls. Both are beautiful ships as well, designed with careful attention to details and comfort. *Explorer* accommodates 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins. *Orion* accommodates 102 guests in 53 outside-facing cabins. Both ships are equipped with state-of-the-art tools for exploration, making them each an unparalleled base for explorations, and enabling the fullest expression of our signature style: an intimate, learning-oriented expedition environment.



Captain Leif Skog

The captains of the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet are extraordinary mariners. For example, Leif Skog, Lindblad VP of Marine Operations and Master of the National Geographic Explorer, has been navigating vessels in Antarctica nearly every season since 1979. As Chairman of the IAATO Marine Committee (Int'l Assn. of Antarctic Tour Operators), he was a primary architect of the IAATO Emergency Contingency Plan for all vessels operating in Antarctica.



From left: Our expedition staff assists guests on a Zodiac landing on the seventh continent, and with this exclusive floating bridge apparatus, guests don't have to worry about "wet landings"; our innovative mobile platform lets us embark on a kayak exploration from virtually anywhere in the ice; guests join the officers on the bridge to watch them navigate the Antarctic ice.



A Zodiac cruise amidst the otherworldly Antarctic ice.

COOL TOOLS ABOARD ENSURE EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

National Geographic Explorer and *National Geographic Orion* are the only ships exploring Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands with this complete array of exploration tools. Combine these tools, designed to maximize your opportunities for up-close, personal adventures, with our generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 and you have the opportunity for unprecedented and life-enhancing encounters with Antarctica's beauty and wildness.

- ✓ **A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can explore depths of up to 1,000 feet to reveal the fascinating polar ocean
- ✓ **A Remote-controlled Crow's Nest Camera** with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin
- ✓ **An Electronic Chart System** that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
- ✓ **A Chart Room** with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
- ✓ **Open Invitation to visit the Bridge** to observe ship navigation first-hand
- ✓ **The Observation Lounge**, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations
- ✓ **A Large Fleet of Mark-V Zodiacs** can go almost anywhere, and are the finest and most tested expedition landing craft in the world
- ✓ **A Fleet of Double Kayaks** (36 on *Explorer*; 24 on *Orion*) that allow guests to kayak in pristine environments. And a specially designed kayak launch platform enables kayak deployment from anywhere in the ice
- ✓ **A Professional Video Chronicler** to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and make a professionally edited DVD available for purchase by departure

TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

The comment cards we receive from guests after every voyage consistently express the same sentiments: “*Outstanding expedition staff.*” Our expedition leaders, known as ELs to staff and guests alike, are exceptional leaders who attract and inspire the naturalists, marine biologists, geologists, historians, climatologists, and undersea specialists who accompany our voyages. Collectively, these specialists have hundreds of years of experience, and many are long-tenured polar veterans. They are the informative experts with whom explorers want to travel repeatedly; and the engaging conversationalists with whom curious travelers want to share drinks or dinner.



Here is a partial list of staff during our Antarctic season: clockwise from top left: expedition leader Lisa Kelley; Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors Michael Nolan & CTicknor; polar naturalists Eric Guth, Brent Stephenson and marine mammal scientist Stephanie Martin.

» PLEASE VISIT WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/EXPERTBIOS AND SELECT YOUR ITINERARY TO LEARN WHICH STAFF IS TRAVELING ON YOUR DEPARTURE



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



Our undersea specialist captures video of colorful sea creatures of the Antarctic deep.



Leopard seal.



IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE OCEAN WHILE STAYING COMPLETELY DRY

Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Sylvia Earle, Bob Ballard and other National Geographic explorers, *National Geographic Explorer* and *Orion* are the only polar expedition ships that travel with an undersea specialist.

They dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the lounge, perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d'oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be a revelation—the Antarctic footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.



Explorer and *Orion* are also equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet to capture vibrant footage for viewing in the lounge.

SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH ENGAGING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

DAVID DOUBILET

Underwater photographer David Doubilet has produced more than 70 stories for *National Geographic*. He was part of the Elysium Project team who followed in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton, documenting the current state of this last pristine wilderness.

✓ Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Feb. 15, 2016



JOHN EVANS

John Evans was chief scientist on an historic expedition, sponsored in part by National Geographic, which became the first to summit the highest point in Antarctica, documented in the June 1967 issue of the magazine.

✓ Antarctica, Dec. 17, 2015



PETER HILLARY

Born into mountaineering royalty, the son of Sir Edmund Hillary, Peter was a member of the National Geographic 50th Anniversary Everest Expedition. He has summited the highest mountain on each of the seven continents, and established a new overland route to the South Pole.

✓ Antarctica, Jan. 16 & 26, 2016



ANDREW CLARKE

An ecologist with a lifelong interest in birds, Andrew has spent his working life in the polar regions.

✓ Antarctica, Dec. 7, 2015



DR. JOE MACINNIS

Dr. Joe MacInnis is the first person to explore the ocean beneath the North Pole. His teams built the first undersea polar station and discovered the world's northernmost known shipwreck.

✓ Antarctica, Jan. 6, 2016



ALASDAIR MCGREGOR

Writer and historian Alasdair McGregor wrote the definitive biography of the *Endurance* photographer/adventurer Frank Hurley: *A Photographer's Life*; and he edited *Antarctica: That Sweep of Savage Splendor*.

✓ Antarctica, S. Georgia, Falklands, Nov. 7, 2015

✓ Antarctica, Nov. 27, 2015



ROBERT JACOBEL

Bob has been a participant in the U.S. Antarctic Research Program since 1987, researching ice sheets. The Jacobel Glacier on West Antarctica is named in his honor.

✓ Antarctica, Dec. 27, 2015



ROBERT BINDSCHADLER

Former Chief Scientist at NASA; he has led field expeditions to study dynamics of the Antarctic ice sheet.

✓ South Georgia & the Falklands, Mar. 6, 2016



DON WALSH

Oceanographer & Honorary President of the Explorers Club, Don explored to the deepest point of the ocean.

✓ South Georgia & the Falklands, Mar. 6, 2016





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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS ABOARD

There is no clearer symbol of the everlasting connection between expedition and photography than the presence of a National Geographic photographer aboard every *National Geographic Explorer* and *Orion* voyage. Travel with these top pros and you'll pick up tips and advice in incredible field conditions. You'll share every photo op, and you might just land some cover-worthy shots yourself.

Joining us this season are National Geographic photographers Massimo Bassano, Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson, Erika Larsen, Jeff Mauritzen, Michael Melford, Chris Rainier, Rich Reid, Susan Seubert, and Maria Stenzel.

» MEET THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS
AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/ANTARCTICPHOTOGRAPHERS](https://expeditions.com/antarcticphotographers)



*National Geographic
photographer Cotton Coulson
leads guests on a photo walk.*

AN A+ EXPEDITION CREW IN THE HOUSE TOO



Hotel Manager Henrik Ahlberg welcomes you to Explorer's dining room. Below, right: Strikingly plated dinner entrees dazzle daily.



THE ENDURING SPIRIT—MACKINLAY'S SHACKLETON RARE OLD HIGHLAND MALT

In February 2007, the New Zealand Antarctic Heritage Trust made a stunning discovery: they uncovered two crates of Mackinlay's Rare Old Highland Malt, remnants of the original 25 cases Ernest Shackleton ordered to provision his 1907-1909 *Nimrod* expedition, frozen in the Antarctic ice. After satisfying an international protocol, Whyte and Mackay were able to recreate this whisky and issue it in limited release, with a portion of funds from its sales donated to the Antarctic Heritage Trust.

In honor of the Shackleton Centennial, we have provisioned *National Geographic Explorer* and *Orion* with this legendary whisky. We'll pour it with compliments, for a toast to commemorate the enduring spirit of the Heroic Age of Exploration.





Orion's comfortable, elegant dining room easily accommodates all guests for one seating. And our style is relaxed and casual—there's never a need to dress up.



Serge Dansereau, owner and chef of Sydney's beautiful Bather's Pavilion restaurant, has been a transformative force in Australian cuisine since the '80s. His commitment to natural foods, sustainable producers and responsibly harvested seafood mirrors Lindblad-National Geographic's own. The force behind Orion's celebrated menus, he continues to design National Geographic Orion's menus, and train her kitchen and waitstaff.

Our hotel managers and head chefs are integral to every expedition—as important to the intricate calculus of happiness aboard our ships as the expedition leaders and the captains. Their ability to respond flexibly keeps our vital expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak. You can eagerly rush to the deck for a spontaneous dinner hour wildlife sighting, without worry that it's wreaking havoc in the kitchen: dinner will still be superb.

Like the ships' connectedness to the outdoors, each meal is a window of sorts, reflecting the region through fresh ingredients sourced locally from providers who act sustainably. Whether you're hiking the tussock grasses in the Falklands to see nesting black-browed albatross, photographing penguins in Antarctica or elephant seals in South Georgia, you're building an appetite—for food, comfort and personal service—these team members are dedicated to satisfying.



An Upper Deck cabin with balcony aboard Explorer.

THE PERFECT ENDING TO ACTIVE DAYS



The sauna aboard Orion and Explorer (shown here) is the perfect place to end the day, and the well-equipped fitness center offers panoramic views.

Decorated in relaxing earth tones, **National Geographic Explorer** has 81 cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins, and all are inviting and rewarding. **National Geographic Orion's** private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in rich jewel tones, she has 53 cabins, including 9 suites with balconies, and 4 solo cabins.

All cabins feature deluxe bedding, our signature feather duvets and thick terry robes. In addition, each has a flat screen TV with movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from our remote-controlled crow's nest camera, and our electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with Ethernet connections, plugs for your own laptop and phone or camera charger.

» LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SHIPS AT: [EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGEXPLORER](https://expeditions.com/ngexplorer), OR [EXPEDITIONS.COM/NGORION](https://expeditions.com/ngorion)

Clockwise, from right: The library (shown here on Explorer) is a relaxing place to read or study a topic; have a massage in the spa to unwind; head to the comfortable lounge (shown here aboard Orion) to hear talks from our staff, sip a drink and socialize, or attend an evening recap.



A category 6 balcony suite aboard Orion.

CELEBRATE THE



CENTENNIAL WITH SUBSTANCE & STYLE



Each parka bears our exclusive Centennial patch featuring "The Boss," Sir Ernest Shackleton. Below, right: The entire crew poses in front of the *Endurance* for Frank Hurley's camera.

The centennial of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914-1917) spans three years, as did the epic hardship and leadership it commemorates. Choose to celebrate the Centennial by exploring Antarctica with us, and in addition to lasting memories and astounding photos, you'll take home this centennial-edition parka, designed exclusively for our commemorative 2015-16 season.

Based on historic expedition wear, including the parka worn by Lars-Eric Lindblad on the cover of his autobiography, *Passport To Anywhere*, our parka combines vintage style with high-tech fabrication for maximum comfort. Complete with commemorative patches, it's the ultimate souvenir of your adventure, a "merit badge," so to speak, and a keepsake you'll be proud to own. Of the many travelers in this world, few have or will enjoy the privilege of visiting Antarctica, and only a small subset of that group will receive this parka as a memento. If you're planning to go, perhaps 2015-2016 is your year! We're planning special onboard Centennial presentations and more.



JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

PRICES FROM: \$12,970 to \$26,720 (See pages 38-39 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see pages 40-41 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

Traveling aboard the state-of-the-art *National Geographic Explorer* or *National Geographic Orion*, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous tabular icebergs by Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak amid abundant marine life.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

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

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

45+
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Our unparalleled team is key to an in-depth experience, and our generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.



Last season guests had the privilege of spotting a young emperor penguin amid two gentoo penguins.

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

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. Note: *Orion* voyages begin and end in Santiago instead of Buenos Aires; visit our website for details.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch overlooking the Beagle Channel. Then embark our ship and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE

While crossing the legendary Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA

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

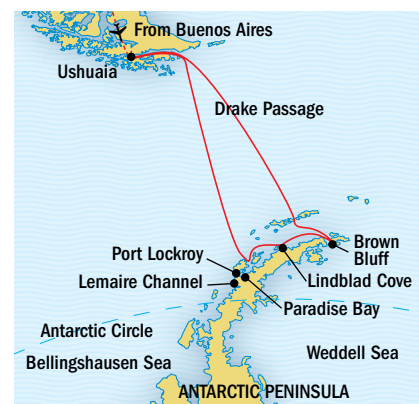
after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing. We anticipate making Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to thousands of Adélie and chinstrap penguins. You'll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how best to capture images of penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn, see and experience more. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA

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

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

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires (or Santiago) and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (*Explorer*): 2015 Nov. 27; Dec 7, 17[†], 27[†]; 2016 Jan. 6, 16, 26; Feb. 5

DATES (*Orion*): 2015 Dec. 6, 16[†], 26[†]
2016 Jan. 5

Note: *Orion* departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.

[†]For holiday rates, see pages 38-39 (*Explorer*) and 40-41 (*Orion*) or visit our website.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book select departures by **June 30, 2015** for free round-trip economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires (or Santiago); ask about other U.S. gateways. Upgrade to business class for \$2,400 on select dates (space available). Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires (*Explorer*)** or one or two days in **Santiago (*Orion*)**. Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** (both ships), or three days post-voyage at **Iguazu Falls (*Explorer* only)**. See page 42, or visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Author **Alasdair McGregor** Nov. 27, 2015; scientists **Andrew Clarke**, Dec. 7, 2015 & **Bob Jacobel**, Dec. 27, 2015; adventurers **John Evans**, Dec. 17, 2015; **Peter Hillary**, Jan. 16 & 26, 2016; **Dr. Joe MacInnis**, Jan. 6, 2016.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: **Susan Seubert** Nov. 27 & Dec. 7, 2015, **Sisse Brimberg** and **Cotton Coulson** Dec. 17 & Dec. 27, 2015, and **Rich Reid**, Jan. 6 & 16, 2016.

Orion: **Jeff Mauritzen** Dec. 6, 2015, **Maria Stenzel** Dec. 16, 2015, **Chris Rainier** Dec. 26, 2015 & Jan. 5, 2016.



Kayakers paddle the waters of Antarctica.

ANTARCTICA, SOUTH GEORGIA, AND THE FALKLANDS

24 DAYS/21 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*
AND *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION*

PRICES FROM: \$22,430 to \$43,250 (See pages 38-39 for complete *National Geographic Explorer* prices; see pages 40-41 for *National Geographic Orion* prices.)

This voyage has it all: the impossible beauty of Antarctic ice, the vast king penguin colonies of South Georgia, and the Falkland's amazing bird colonies. Traveling aboard our ice-class expedition ships *National Geographic Explorer* or *National Geographic Orion*, spend five days discovering the Antarctic Peninsula. Stroll through lively crowds of penguins in stunning South Georgia, and hike the shores of the Falkland Islands. Experience boundless wildlife and captivating beauty as you venture into some of the planet's most unspoiled landscapes.



EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

45+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our experienced expedition leader and team of naturalists are your conduit to an extraordinary experience. And the National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board, ours exclusively, are key to capturing the incredible wildlife. Our video chronicler will record the entire voyage. The undersea specialist will reveal the deep, while our wellness specialist helps you feel the "tonic of wildness." There's a generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10.

South Georgia's spectacular landscape.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Trace the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's fateful journey to South Georgia during the centennial anniversary year.
- ▶ See three distinct regions, and benefit from our 45+ years of experience here.
- ▶ Glide in a Zodiac or a kayak past massive icebergs.
- ▶ Observe tens of thousands of king penguins on a single beach.



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

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony of the pink palace forever associated with Eva Peron. Note: *Orion* voyages begin and end in Santiago instead of Buenos Aires; visit our website for details.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch overlooking the Beagle Channel. Then embark your ship and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA

Settle in to shipboard life as we sail to the Falkland Islands. Keep a lookout for albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5 AND 6: FALKLAND ISLANDS

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



Black-browed albatross.

DAYS 7 AND 8: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 9-13: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

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



Photographing elephant seal pups.

DAYS 14 AND 15: AT SEA (B,L,D)

DAYS 16-20: ANTARCTICA

With long hours of daylight, we make the most of our days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands. Our schedule is flexible, allowing us to take advantage of the unexpected. We'll sail through the incomparable Lemaire Channel and land on the "White Continent," exploring via Zodiac, kayak and on foot, and using our arsenal of tools for exploration. (B,L,D)

DAYS 21 AND 22: AT SEA

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

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

Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires (or Santiago), and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 23: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES (*Explorer*): 2015 Nov. 7; 2016 Feb. 15*

DATES (*Orion*): 2016 Jan. 25*; Feb. 14*

*These voyages travel in reverse.

Note: *Orion* 2016 departures route via Santiago instead of Buenos Aires. Visit our website.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book select departures by **June 30, 2015** for free round-trip economy group airfare Miami/Buenos Aires (or Santiago); ask about other U.S. gateways. Upgrade to business class for \$2,400 on select dates (space available). Call for details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Prior to your voyage, add two days in **Buenos Aires** (*Explorer*) or one or two days in **Santiago** (*Orion*). Add a four-day post-voyage extension to **Easter Island** (both ships), or three days post-voyage at **Iguazu Falls** (*Explorer* only). See page 42, or visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

GUEST SPEAKER

Travel with author **Alasdair McGregor** (right) Nov. 7, 2015, or undersea photographer **David Doubilet**, Feb. 15, 2016.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHERS

Explorer: Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson Nov. 7, 2015, Erika Larsen, Feb. 15, 2016; *Orion*: Michael Melford, Jan. 25, 2016, Massimo Bassano Feb. 14, 2016

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

PRICES FROM: \$16,530 to \$31,920 (See pages 38-39 for complete prices.)

Steeped in Shackleton and whaling lore, covered mostly in glaciers, South Georgia explodes with life: gentoo and macaroni penguins, enormous elephant seals and a thriving fur seal population. Here on South Georgia you can observe one of the world's great wildlife spectacles: literally tens of thousands of stately king penguins on a single beach. See the human face of the region in the Falklands, reminiscent of Great Britain, with grazing sheep, tea and crumpets. And in this privileged place, the albatross reveal the beauty of their mysterious lives.



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activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, a National Geographic photographer, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and a wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

Visit our website to read staff and guest speaker bios for this expedition.

Visit a vast colony of thousands of king penguins.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike in the footsteps of “the Boss,” Sir Ernest Shackleton, during the centennial year of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.
- ▶ See stately king penguins—literally tens of thousands on a single beach in South Georgia.
- ▶ Observe magnificent albatross in the Falklands, and see Magellanic penguins peeking from their burrows.
- ▶ Paddle a kayak amid curious fur seals, and explore the isolated bays by Zodiac.
- ▶ Compare camera settings side-by-side with a National Geographic photographer.



MAR. 6 AND 7: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital. Check in to the excellent Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before having a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

MAR. 8: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

MAR. 9: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare us for the wildness ahead in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the bridge, scanning for seabirds, notably the albatross. (B,L,D)



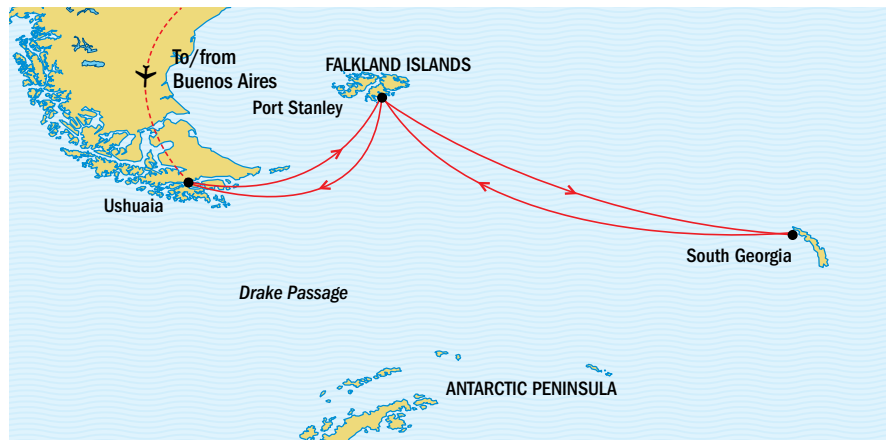
Elephant seal.

MAR. 10 AND 11: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as herds of fur and elephant seals. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a few at a local pub, and stroll this remote Victorian town. (B,L,D)

MAR. 12 AND 13: AT SEA

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna and geology of South Georgia. A lookout is kept to identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

**MAR. 14-18: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND**

Explore the spectacular coastline of South Georgia Island. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking and Zodiac excursions. Sailing along the coast, we plan to make stops every day including Grytviken, the final resting place of Shackleton, and Stromness Bay, where Shackleton, Tom Crean and Frank Worsley finally reached aid at a whaling station. And, on a single beach, you may come upon thousands of king penguins! (B,L,D)

MAR. 19 AND 20: AT SEA

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the bridge. Or spend the day enjoying the ship's spa, library, and observation deck. (B,L,D)

MAR. 21: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Take a last walk along the beautiful white-sand beaches, meander through tussock grass or sit atop a cliff and ponder the views. (B,L,D)

MAR. 22: AT SEA

One last chance to catch up on your reading in the library and send emails home saying "Don't want this to end." (B,L,D)

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

Disembark in Ushuaia and fly to Buenos Aires by private charter. Connect to your flight home, arriving the next day. (Mar. 23: B,L)

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 Mar. 6

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book by **June 30, 2015** to receive complimentary round-trip economy group airfare (Miami/Buenos Aires), plus free charter airfare (Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires). Call for full details.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Add a four-day post-voyage extension on **Easter Island** or a two-day pre-voyage stay in **Buenos Aires**. Visit our website.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES GUEST SPEAKERS

Travel with oceanographer **Don Walsh**, who explored the deepest point of the ocean, and with **Robert Bindschadler**, a former NASA scientist who studied the Antarctic ice sheet.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with **Susan Seubert**. **Learn more at expeditions.com/photo.**



Say "South Georgia," ask people to free-associate and most will respond, "Shackleton." He arrived at South Georgia after the most famous navigational feat in history—the 800-mile open ocean crossing in the 22-foot James Caird. At the end of the two-year ordeal all 28 men survived.



Main deck cabin with window.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE EXPEDITION SHIP

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate remote passages while providing exceptional comfort.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.	Antarctica 2015/16	Antarctica Holiday 2015/16	Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands 2015/16	South Georgia & Falklands 2016
CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with one or two Portholes #301-308	\$12,970	\$13,990	\$22,430	\$16,530
CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with Window #317-320, 335-336	\$13,940	\$15,050	\$24,030	\$17,630
CATEGORY 3: Main Deck with Window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350	\$14,370	\$15,520	\$25,160	\$18,570
CATEGORY 4: Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228	\$15,460	\$16,700	\$26,350	\$19,760
CATEGORY 5: Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224	\$18,550	\$20,030	\$32,320	\$23,860
CATEGORY 6: Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #213	\$21,250	\$22,950	\$37,300	\$27,520
CATEGORY 7: Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230	\$24,740	\$26,720	\$43,250	\$31,920
CATEGORY A SOLO: Main Deck with Window #309-312, 329-334	\$17,430	\$18,820	\$30,050	\$22,040
CATEGORY B SOLO: Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #105-106, 203, 208	\$17,970	\$19,410	\$31,450	\$23,210
CATEGORY 3 TRIPLE: Main Deck with Window #341, 343	*	*	*	*

Note: *Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219, and 230 can accommodate a third person.

Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. **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: Includes one hotel night in Buenos Aires. Immigration fees are not included.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$2,700.

Charter Airfare: From \$850 round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia. Airfare subject to change.



Standard bathroom.



Spacious solo cabin.



Section of suite with balcony.

All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, with deluxe bedding, all cabins feature flat screen TVs with movie programming, as well as Ethernet connections and plugs for laptops or camera chargers.

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas

OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; restaurant; chart room; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for videos and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, observation lounge and internet café.

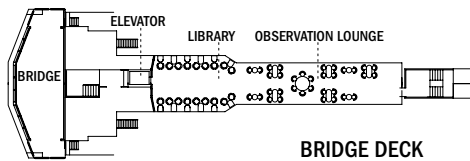
OPEN BRIDGE: Provides guests with an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

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

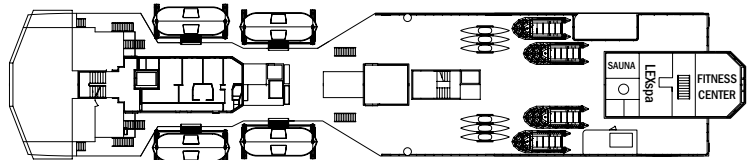
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: 13 Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 36 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote controlled camera, video microscope.

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

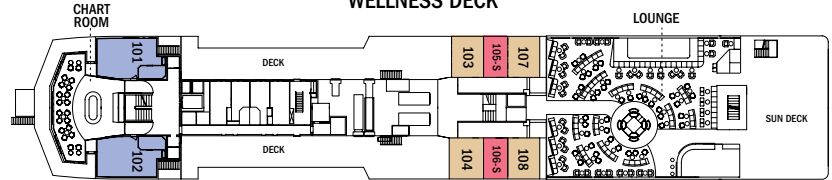
SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, Global Perspectives guest speaker on every voyage, and a video chronicler. Laundry service available.



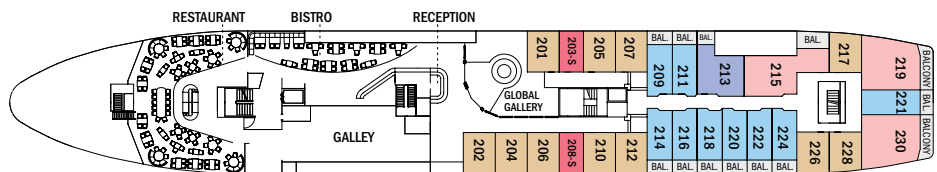
BRIDGE DECK



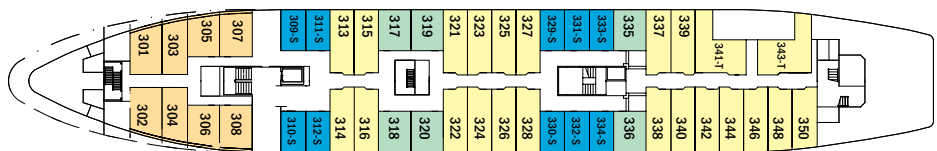
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Browse the nautical charts in the Observation Lounge.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

OUR NEWEST EXPEDITION SHIP

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is the newest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull, *Orion* is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbors in the South Pacific.

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

	Antarctica 2015/16	Antarctica Holiday 2015/16	Antarctica, South Georgia & Falklands 2015/16
CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321	\$12,970	\$13,990	\$22,430
CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317	\$13,940	\$15,050	\$24,030
CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419	\$15,460	\$16,700	\$26,340
CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515	\$18,550	\$20,030	\$32,320
CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with balcony #501, 503-506, 508	\$21,250	\$22,950	\$37,300
CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner's suite with balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510 *Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a balcony.	\$24,740	\$26,720	\$43,250
CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323	\$19,450	\$21,010	\$33,590
CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512	\$23,180	\$25,030	\$39,510

All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, internet access for your own laptop, and a flat-screen TV with movie programming.

Note: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

Note: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.

Note: Includes one hotel night in Santiago. Immigration fees are not included.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Santiago: Economy from \$1,300; Business from \$2,900.

Charter Airfare: From \$850 round-trip Santiago/Ushuaia. Airfare subject to change.



Standard bathroom.



Category 4 deluxe suite.



Category 3 cabin.

All cabins face outside with ocean views, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Decorated in rich jewel tones, with deluxe bedding, all cabins feature flat screen TVs with movie programming, as well as internet access for your own laptop.

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas.

OVERALL LENGTH: 338 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, global gallery, library, state-of-the-art lecture theater for videos and presentations, mud room with lockers for expedition gear, sundeck, marina platform.

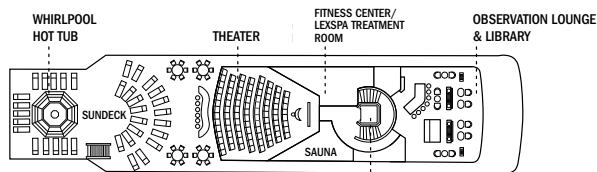
OPEN BRIDGE: Provides guests with an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore.

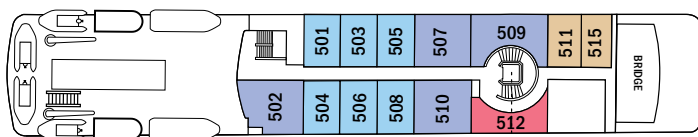
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, underwater video cameras, Splash-Cam, video microscope, & crow's nest camera.

WELLNESS: The ship is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a fitness center, massage/LEXspa treatment room, sauna, and whirlpool hot tub.

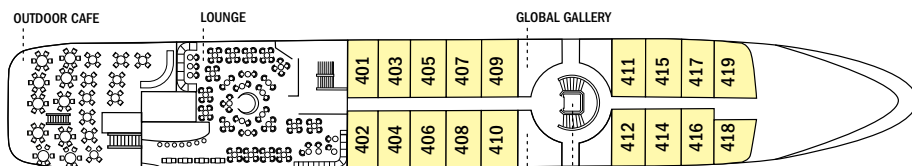
SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and a video chronicler. Laundry service available.



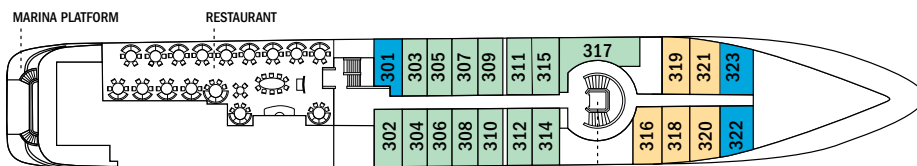
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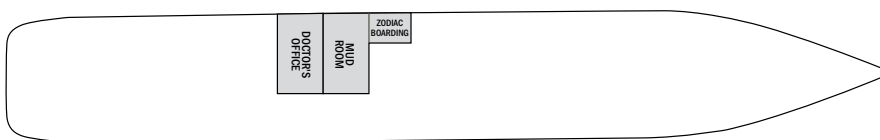
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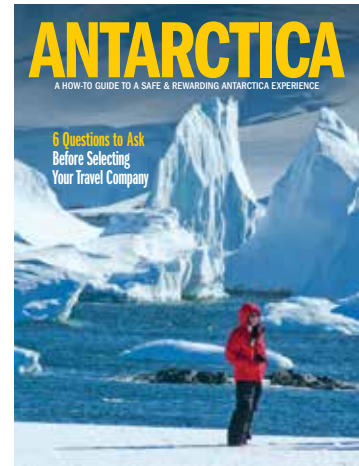
Considering Antarctica?

There are 6 important questions to ask before you decide with whom to book your Antarctic adventure. This guide answers them all:

1. **What kind of ship is best?**
2. **What safety features are vital?**
3. **What is the travel operator's experience?**
4. **How active will your Antarctic experience be?**
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COMBINING OFFERS: Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings!

INCLUSIVE PRICING

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ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Fitness center & Sauna
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Zodiac & kayak explorations
- ✓ Snorkeling, including wetsuits, masks, fins, snorkel where relevant
 - ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge



RESERVATION INFORMATION

Costs Include: All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and non-alcoholic 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 kayaks, 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, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are 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 for a \$50 per person service fee.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations: To reserve your place, an advance payment of \$1,000 for the 14-day voyage and \$1,800 for the 19-day voyage and the 24-day voyage is required at the time of reservation. Holiday departure dates and certain longer voyages may carry additional advance deposit requirements due to high demand for these voyages. Payment is accepted by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or by check.

Receipt of your initial payment indicates your acceptance of our complete Terms and Conditions. We require written notice at the time of reservation for any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention.

Once your reservation is confirmed, we urge you to use your personalized online account for important information to help you prepare for your voyage. Managing your documents online will facilitate fast and accurate communication, and allow you to provide us with pertinent details we require, in order to complete your reservation. Your online account gives you access to your Expedition Guide, which includes valuable information specific to your voyage. You can also use your online account to make easy payments, view recommended flights and reading material, packing list, and more.

Final Payment: Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Payment schedules may vary for Holiday departures and certain longer voyages, due to high demand for these voyages. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

Travel Protection Plan: We strongly recommend that you take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, medical assistance, and damaged or lost baggage, and provides medical assistance and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. and Canadian residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased.

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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 website 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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Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
180 or more days	\$750*
179-120 days	Advance payment cost
119-90 days	25% of trip cost
89-60 days	50% of trip cost
59-0 days	No refund

*\$750 will be rewarded in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate.

This cancellation policy applies to expeditions as well as pre- or post- extensions.

The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier, as well as the type of fare used to issue your ticket.

Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees.

Cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and Holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. Our Group cancellation policies are listed in the Terms and Conditions section of our website, or you may call us for details. We stress the importance of purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.

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