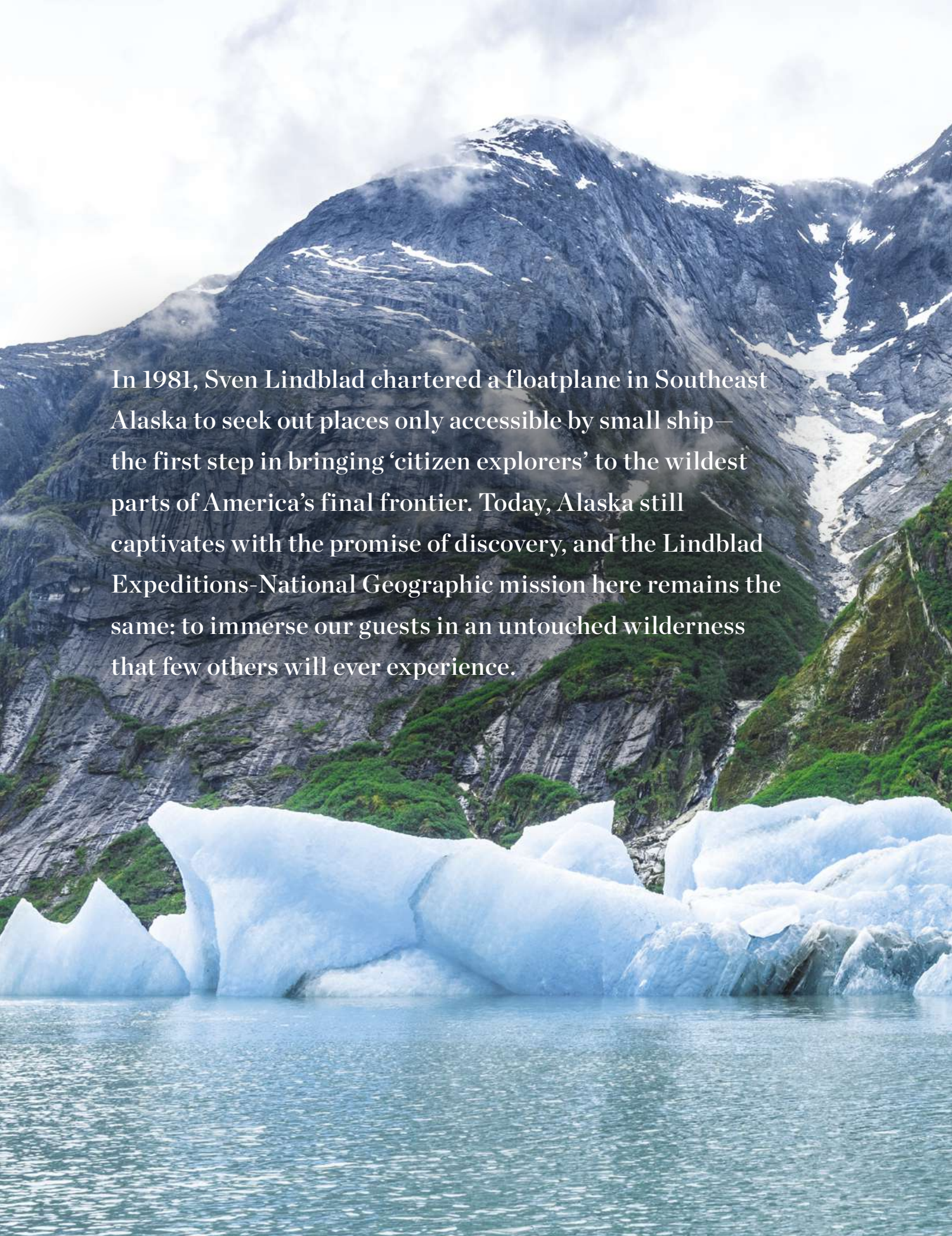


Alaska

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In 1981, Sven Lindblad chartered a floatplane in Southeast Alaska to seek out places only accessible by small ship—the first step in bringing ‘citizen explorers’ to the wildest parts of America’s final frontier. Today, Alaska still captivates with the promise of discovery, and the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic mission here remains the same: to immerse our guests in an untouched wilderness that few others will ever experience.



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Celebrating 40 Years in Alaska

A Legacy of Wild Exploration



BY FRAN GOLDEN

Award-winning writer Fran Golden has been travelling to Alaska since the mid-1990s and recently co-wrote the book 100 Things To Do In Alaska Before You Die. Here, she recounts the legacy of Lindblad Expeditions in the wilds of the 49th state.



When Sven Lindblad learned in 1981 that the sister ship to a vessel he chartered in Baja California had an opening on its calendar, he viewed the news as a welcome opportunity to expand into a new geography. After looking at a map for wilderness that would intrigue travellers, he set his sights on Alaska. On his reconnaissance of the region, the founder of Lindblad Expeditions was amazed by what he discovered: “glaciers, whales, bears, and wilderness so vast it’s hard to get your head around.”

In Alaska, Experience Counts

From its earliest Alaska voyages, Lindblad Expeditions has avoided places where larger ships sail in favour of bays and fjords where guests can commune with wilderness. As the cruise industry has grown here, Lindblad Expeditions—partnered with National Geographic since 2004—continues to stand out, with a fleet of four U.S.-flagged ships, each carrying only 62 or 100 guests. Although the ships embark from tourist towns like Juneau and Sitka, they set course for places where civilisation is just a speck on the map. “There are so many nooks and crannies we have discovered over the years,” Lindblad says. “You build up knowledge, and it makes for an action-packed time.”



Quiet Passages and Wild Creatures

While out on expedition, seasoned naturalists may lead you across Alaska’s boggy muskeg, through lush forest, and along shorelines—often with snow-capped peaks as a backdrop. You may hear the call of an eagle as you stop to breathe deeply and take in the magnificence of Mother Nature. It’s not uncommon to spot orcas, frolicking sea otters, and large Steller sea lions.

“Where we go, you are still alone in these amazing wild places,” says Trey Byus, Lindblad Expedition’s Chief Expedition Officer. “Guests want to be in awe—to see crashing glaciers and towering mountains, to witness bears and whales up close in their natural habitats. It’s all there, and we help to enhance these moments by going where no other cruise ships are exploring. We’re surrounded by pure wildness.”

Small Ships, Big Discoveries

Lindblad’s original Alaska ships were *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*. In 2017, Lindblad added to their fleet *National Geographic Quest*, followed by sister ship, *National Geographic Venture*. Both vessels were purpose-built to explore here, with a shallow draft for navigating secluded inlets, large expanses of glass for optimal views, and twin Zodiac boarding platforms that help guests quickly disembark for wildlife encounters.

With one expedition team member for every 10 to 12 guests, it is an intimate experience. Most have worked in Alaska for years and many live locally, providing them a wealth of insider knowledge and a deep passion for the wonders in their backyards.

“I still remember the first time I was in front of a tidewater glacier, being awed by that wall of ice in front of me,” says naturalist and expedition leader Sarah Friedlander. “No place does wilderness better than Alaska.”



Experience Immersive and with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Over the course of a nearly 20-year partnership, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have offered meaningful travel experiences that ignite a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you step aboard our fleet in Alaska, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy in exploration, including a veteran team of knowledgeable experts and exclusive programs inspired by our enduring quest for discovery.

Take Great Photos with the Pros

A Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI) joins each Alaska voyage to assist travellers with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from iPhone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with the photos of a lifetime. With the complimentary OM System Photo Gear Locker, you can field test new lenses, camera bodies, and more.

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY

Designated Photo Expeditions include special programming and are joined by a National Geographic Photography Expert. Look for the 📷 on the itinerary page or visit expeditions.com/photo for details.

Exclusive Undersea Program

Our exclusive undersea program reveals the surprising and vivid world hidden beneath Alaska's waves. Each voyage features an undersea specialist and Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) to document the marine environment, gathering footage for daily recaps in the lounge so that guests can see vast kelp forests, colourful jellies and anemones, and other unusual life forms found deep beneath the surface.



Authentic Exploration

Developing Young Explorers

The exclusive National Geographic Global Explorers Program is a hands-on, interactive program that teaches kids ages 18 and under how to explore like scientists and tell the stories of Alaska's legendary wilderness. Certified field educators use the natural world as a classroom to help kids hone their observation skills and share their experiences through photographs, videos, drawings, and more. With a range of activities to choose from, such as identifying whale flukes or earning their Zodiac licence, kids can pursue their own interests, whether it's marine biology, geology, or photography.



INSPIRE THEIR INNER EXPLORER

Visit expeditions.com/globalexplorers for program details.

Commitment to Conservation

Sustainability is at the heart of our mission, and you can travel with peace of mind, knowing every voyage we sail gives back to the places we explore. Together with our guests, we have contributed more than US\$1.2 million to the conservation of Alaska habitats and communities through the Lindblad-National Geographic Fund.

These donations support programs like the Alaska Whale Foundation (AWF), which recently used grant resources to study bubble-net feeding, a cooperative foraging behaviour uncommon outside the waters of Alaska. Special experiences, like onboard discussions with researchers from AWF, give travellers a window onto the impact of their contributions.



Our Ships

The Ideal Base for Immersive Exploration

The nimble ships in the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet are designed to provide up-close experiences in the planet's wildest and most remote places. In Alaska, that means taking you to the face of towering glaciers, gliding into a secluded bay to observe a pod of whales, or landing on remote beaches to hike through old-growth forest. Our ships in Alaska have the additional advantage of being U.S.-flagged, eliminating customs stops and allowing more time to explore.

Each vessel is stocked with a fleet of Zodiacs that allow us to sail without being dependent on ports or piers, while our kayaks and paddleboards let



you paddle into inlets for a closer look at sea lions or to safely observe a bear feeding in a quiet cove. When we're not out exploring, open decks and large windows keep travellers connected to extraordinary views of sapphire seas and the marine life that frequents these rich waters.

We also ensure that your time onboard is equally rewarding as your time on shore. Our team of experts—such as naturalists, cultural experts, and certified photo instructors—will be on hand, giving compelling lectures



and engaging in lively conversations with our guests. Beautifully appointed cabins and common areas reflect the artistic traditions of the regions we explore, while our sustainable seafood and regional produce program gives you a taste of Alaska's wild bounty, from freshly caught salmon and Dungeness crab to just-picked berries and locally brewed craft beers.

ALL IN: Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price.

CHEERS! Enjoy complimentary beer and wine aboard our U.S.-flagged ships.



Fleet of Zodiacs return to
National Geographic Quest
anchored in narrow Owl's Pass.



Alaska

In Alaska's Inside Passage, glacial waters flow through soaring fjords and old-growth forests, sculpting a dramatic gateway to America's wild frontier. Venture into this roadless labyrinth, ruled by breaching whales, soaring eagles, and lumbering grizzly bears. Or voyage to Prince William Sound, where dozens of glaciers calve into bays and inlets that sparkle with iridescent icebergs.



Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness



8 DAYS | FROM AU\$9,450pp

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Witness authentic Alaskan wilderness up-close on an expedition honed over 40 years. Discover shallow, fast-moving channels where whales feed, ancestral forest trails carved by bears, and the majesty of Glacier Bay National Park.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Hike or bushwhack through lush forests and muskegs, kayak into secluded inlets, and cruise by Zodiac among blue icebergs and curious wildlife.
- ▶ By special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.
- ▶ If schedules permit, our conservation partners from the Alaska Whale Foundation will come aboard to meet with us and speak about the local whale population.
- ▶ Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by our undersea specialist.
- ▶ Hike and kayak by special permit in the wild, remote areas of the Tongass National Forest.



Orca, Southeast Alaska.

DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA

Arrive in Juneau in early afternoon. Embark in time for cocktails and an introduction to staff and crew. (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See soaring glaciers up close and take a Zodiac cruise among sculpted icebergs, keeping an eye out for harbour seals, harbour porpoises, and Arctic terns. (B,L,D)



DAY 3: PETERSBURG

Visit Petersburg, an authentic Southeast Alaska fishing community on Mitkof Island with deep Norwegian roots. Explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity for bike riding and an optional flightseeing excursion. Enjoy a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT

Cruise the rugged coast seeking out humpback whales in their summer feeding grounds. Later explore the shoreline by kayak or go ashore to trek in the rainforest ecosystem. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Search for wildlife, seabirds, and marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Straits and the Inian Islands. Choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike where sightings of bald eagles are very common. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

See glaciers that end abruptly at the water’s edge and observe them “calving”—tonnes of ice crashing into the sea—accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wilderness abounds—mountain goats roam the steep cliffs and brown bears patrol the shore; sea otters and puffins live in the icy waters. A native Tlingit cultural interpreter joins us to share the Indigenous history and knowledge of the area. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SOUTHEAST ALASKA’S ISLANDS, BAYS, AND FJORDS

Today, nature is our guide. We may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb, hike stunning forest trails, or see fresh bear tracks worn into the soil while walking in the mud of an isolated meadow. If conditions permit, we’ll do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK

After breakfast we disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska’s only oceanfront town. Visit the Sitka National Historical Park to see the totems among the towering spruce and hemlock. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre, we enjoy close-up views of bald eagles, owls, and other species normally seen at a distance. (B)



DEPARTURES

National Geographic Quest
National Geographic Venture
2023-2024 May, June, July, August

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Interested in the same experience in a shorter timeframe? See our **Wild Alaska Escapes**, pages 12-13.

EXPLORE MORE

Add an inland exploration of **Denali National Park**. See page 30 for details.



Brown bear, Tongass National Forest.

Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell & the Misty Fjords



6 DAYS | FROM AU\$6,000pp

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise between Juneau and Ketchikan and sail into deep and narrow fjords in search of wildlife and stunning photo opportunities.
- Encounter iconic Alaskan wildlife, including humpback whales, sea otters, bears, bald eagles, and more.
- Visit a tribal house and see native petroglyphs at Wrangell, or take a jet boat excursion up the Stikine River.
- Explore Misty Fjords National Monument and hike the moss-draped cedar and spruce forests of nearby islands.

DAY 1: JUNEAU, ALASKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Juneau in the early afternoon. Embark the ship in time for cocktails and an introduction to the staff and crew. (D)

DAY 2: LECONTE BAY OR TRACY ARM

This morning, our Captain will anchor near the ice flowing off LeConte Glacier or Sawyer Glacier in Tracy Arm. Explore among the ice by Zodiac, keeping an eye out for marine life. Later we transit the Wrangell Narrows, a breathtaking 35 kilometre waterway inaccessible to large ships. (B,L,D)



Zodiac cruise in Tracy Arm.

DAY 3: EXPLORING SUMNER STRAIT

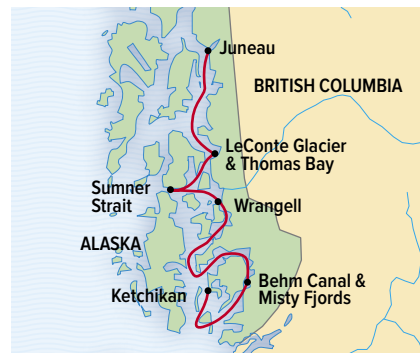
Cruise into the Sumner Strait, keeping watch for orcas and humpback whales surfacing and moose and other wildlife along the coastlines of small islands. We may explore the coast by kayak or go ashore to explore bear trails and salmon streams while learning about the rainforest ecosystem along the way. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: WRANGELL

Visit Wrangell, where the Tlingit and their ancestors have made their home for thousands of years. Take an optional jet boat excursion up the Stikine River or explore town, including a visit to Chief Shakes Tribal House and the Petroglyph Beach, home to the highest concentration of petroglyphs in Southeast Alaska. This afternoon, we cruise Eastern Passage and Blake Channel, narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island where other ships rarely venture. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: BEHM CANAL/MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Spend the morning cruising the 174 kilometre-long Behm Canal into Misty Fjords National Monument. Join naturalists on the bow to gaze at the near vertical rock face that rises up to 900 metres above sea level and drops 300 metres below it. Explore by



Zodiac and kayak for a closer perspective of dramatic waterfalls. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: KETCHIKAN/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Centre to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird

National Geographic Sea Lion

2023-2024 May, June, July, August

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EXPLORE MORE

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Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Inian Islands & Tracy Arm Fjord



6 DAYS | FROM AU\$6,000pp

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Actively explore Alaska's dramatic bays via kayak or Zodiac, keeping an eye out for wildlife.
- ▶ Raft the Chilkat River with local guides and call at the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan.
- ▶ Explore Haines, the "adventure capital of Alaska," via bike and hiking trails.
- ▶ Zip around incredible icebergs and view glaciers in Tracy or Endicott Arm.

DAY 1: SITKA, ALASKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka in the early afternoon. Embark the ship in time for cocktails and an introduction to the staff and crew. (D)



DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Islands' countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through mirror-calm waters. This afternoon see rainforest inhabitants like the roughskin newt or giant banana slugs on an adventurous hike. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORING THE ICY STRAIT

Spend today searching for wildlife in these rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options may include a cruise

by Zodiac among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of wildlife reside, quiet kayaking in the inlets of Chichagof Island or hikes in the lush temperate rainforest. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HAINES

Haines is known as the "adventure capital of Alaska." Choose from one of many world class hikes, cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, or take an optional flightseeing excursion over Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Or choose to call into the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Awake in beautiful Tracy Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness. Enter this glacially carved wilderness aboard our nimble ship, then set out to explore by Zodiacs for views of a massive glacier. Conditions permitting, kayak along fjord walls soaring from the sea, and spot curious harbour seals trailing your wake. Cap off your adventure with a Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK

Disembark in downtown Juneau and transfer to the airport. (B)



DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird
National Geographic Sea Lion
2023-2024 May, June, July, August

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EXPLORE MORE

Add an inland exploration of **Denali National Park**. See page 30 for details.

The Glaciers of Prince William Sound

New



6 DAYS | FROM AU\$6,000pp

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Venture far beyond the large ports of Southeast Alaska to the untrammelled, glacial-ringed Prince William Sound. Home to rugged islands, the second largest national forest in the U.S., and an astounding 150 glaciers, this remote region contains endless natural marvels to explore, as well as a fascinating history and the charm of remote Alaska villages.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Travel in the wake of the 1899 Harriman Expedition to discover College Fjord, which one of its members described as “a great ice chest.”
- ▶ Encounter diverse marine life including humpbacks, orcas, porpoises, sea lions, and seals from the bow of our small ship or at water-level on Zodiac cruises.
- ▶ Explore the shoreline of the many islands populating the sound on foot, by kayak, or Zodiac.
- ▶ Explore the quintessential Alaskan towns of Cordova and Valdez, and taste the difference of famed Copper River salmon.



Glacier in College Fjord, Alaska.

DAY 1: CORDOVA/EMBARK

Arrive in Cordova by early afternoon. Explore the quaint downtown of this fishing community that is only accessible by air or sea. Visit the Cordova Historical Museum or Southeasterly, Cordova's Fisherman's Memorial by local sculptor Joan Bugbee Jackson. Board *National Geographic Sea Lion* in the afternoon, and enjoy a special welcome dinner of salmon fished directly from the famed Copper River salmon run. (D)

DAY 2: ESTHER PASSAGE AND COLLEGE FJORD

Cruise through serene Esther Passage walled by steep, tree-covered hillsides of the Chugach National Forest that become increasingly narrow before opening into College Fjord. Naturalist John Muir and professor Charles Palache of the 1899 Harriman Expedition named the glaciers lining the fjord after their Ivy League alma maters. Pass Wellesley and Barnard and gaze up at Amherst and Dartmouth Glaciers as you make your way to Harvard Glacier, a two-and-a-half kilometre wide and 60-metre high formation at the end of the bay. Cruise for an unbeatable view, keeping an eye out for harbour seals, sea lions and Arctic terns. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: ESTHER ISLAND

Wake up this morning in Esther Bay, in the northwestern portion of Prince William Sound. Explore this remote area on the water via

Zodiac, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard, or follow a naturalist on a hike along the coast or through the forest. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: VALDEZ

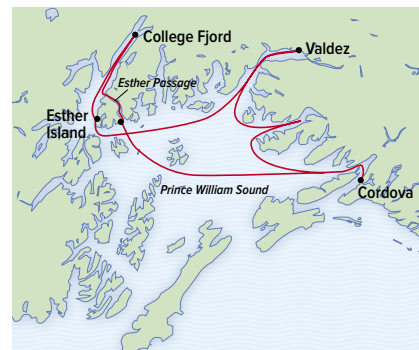
Known as "Little Switzerland" because of its mountainous surrounding, Valdez was once a starting point for miners headed to the Klondike Gold Rush. Explore the town with stops at its history and art museums. Later, opt for a naturalist-led hike to Shoup Bay State Marine Park, keeping a lookout for mountain goats and black bears on the mountainsides lining the bay. Choose from a variety of active options including white-water rafting. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: EXPLORING

Today's destination in the east sound area will be determined by the Captain and your expedition leader. Spot wildlife such as whales, sea otters, and sea birds with the help of your naturalists; explore by ship, Zodiac, kayak, stand-up paddleboard or on foot. Later this evening, enjoy the lavender glow of the landscapes as the midnight sun dips just behind the mountain tops. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6: CORDOVA/DISEMBARK

After breakfast, disembark in Cordova and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Lion
2024 June, July

Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.



Humpback whale breaching

Hartney Creek, Alaska.





Alaska & British Columbia

The world's largest temperate rainforests blanket the shores of Alaska and British Columbia, unfurling amid a maze of serene inlets and sparkling coves where porpoises leap and orca fins flash. As we sail these misty seas, go ashore in search of mythic species like the Kermode spirit bear, and hear the fascinating stories of nearly lost First Nations cultures.

Treasures of the Inside Passage: Alaska & British Columbia



14 DAYS | FROM AU\$13,700pp

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expeditions.com/treasures

Embark on an epic, in-depth exploration of the wild coasts and secluded waterways of Alaska, British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest, and enjoy ample time to take in breathtaking nature and the fascinating cultural facets of the region.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail among the more remote San Juan Islands to kayak or hike where seals, sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and occasionally killer whales congregate.
- ▶ By special permit, sail into Glacier Bay National Park and pass a full day taking in its grand scale.
- ▶ Stroll the streets of the 100-year-old town of Petersburg, Alaska, learning about its fishing industry and Norwegian heritage.
- ▶ In Misty Fjords National Monument, kayak along sheer, glacially carved cliffs and forested backwaters.
- ▶ In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Robert Bateman Centre.



Zodiac cruise in Inian Islands.

DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/ EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle and transfer to the ship for embarkation. (D)

DAY 2: SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Explore the San Juan Islands via naturalist-led hikes, kayaks, and Zodiac cruises, keeping an eye out for wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Arrive in charming Victoria and choose from several options to explore. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through historic Old Town, or peruse the art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Robert Bateman Centre while taking in an incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GULF ISLANDS

Located in the Strait of Georgia, the Gulf Islands are a kayaker's paradise. Explore the myriad islets and rocky coasts with an eye out for an array of sea birds, shore birds and birds of prey. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ALERT BAY AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the Big House, and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6 & 7: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Search the coastline for whales, dolphins, bears, and more. Go ashore to explore among the bays and inlets via kayak. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, ALASKA

Cruise past glacially-carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fjords' forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PETERSBURG

Bike or walk the small, fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Later, walk along



Inner Harbour, Victoria, British Columbia.

a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the "muskeg." This evening enjoy a special crab feast. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TRACY ARM-FORD'S TERROR WILDERNESS

Voyage into spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise among electric blue sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Via special park permit, spend the entire day among enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tonnes of ice calving into the sea. A Tlingit cultural interpreter joins us to share local Indigenous knowledge, culture, and history of the area we explore. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: INIAN ISLANDS/ICY STRAIT

Cruise among the abundant, active marine life of the Inians, where the Pacific meets the Inside Passage and nutrients rush in. Hike, kayak, and search for whales in Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Search for humpback whales in the rich waters off Chichagof or Baranof Island. Kayak, hike, and enjoy a Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: SITKA/DISEMBARK

Visit the Sitka National Historic Park before transfer to the airport. (B)



DEPARTURES

National Geographic Quest
2023-2024 May, September

National Geographic Venture
2023 April
2024 May

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DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Add a seven-day pre- or post-voyage inland adventure to explore Denali National Park. See page 30 for details.



Dawes Glacier calving.

A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii



15 DAYS | FROM AU\$15,200pp

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/remarkable

Explore the most wild and pristine regions of coastal Alaska and British Columbia on a unique 15-day adventure. By special invitation, discover a nearly lost First Nations culture in the remote, moss-draped archipelago of Haida Gwaii.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ With special access, spend four days in Haida Gwaii, a UNESCO World Heritage site, learning from Haida interpreters about their nearly lost ancient culture and exploring these remote islands
- ▶ Sail deep into fjords, narrow channels and hidden coves and bays, searching for humpback whales, dolphins, bears, and eagles
- ▶ Kayak in Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm for an up-close view of calving glaciers, towering forests, and seals afloat on iridescent icebergs
- ▶ Explore the picturesque fishing village of Petersburg, and by special permit, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT

Award-winning photographer and filmmaker **Rich Reid** joins the **May 2, 2023** departure. Reid has specialised in environmental and adventure photography for over two decades, including extensive work in Alaska.

Learn more about our exclusive photo expeditions at expeditions.com/photo.

Ancient totems at SGang Gwaay.

DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/ EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and transfer to your ship for embarkation. (D)

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cruise amid the lush Gulf Islands in the Strait of Georgia—which runs between mainland British Columbia and Vancouver Island—and search for some of the many marine mammals that inhabit these waters. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: JOHNSTONE STRAIT AND ALERT BAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Visit the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, where we'll watch traditional First Nations performances and learn about the art and culture of the Kwakwaka'wakw people. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4 & 5: INSIDE PASSAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sail northward along the steep and rugged coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak the remote bays and inlets. (B,L,D)



Guests visit with carvers, Haida Gwaii.

DAYS 6–9: HAIDA GWAI

With special permission, explore the islands of Haida Gwaii, including the Gwaii Haanas National Park and Haida Heritage Site. We will be joined by Haida Interpreters for our days among the islands, wildlife and cultural sites. Join in a ceremonial potlatch celebration, meet Haida artists in their environment, and participate in hands-on workshops learning ancient skills like cedar bark weaving. Visit the Haida Heritage Centre at Kay Llnagaay to learn the incredible history of the Haida people and their renowned artwork. Walk among the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay, kayak, and take Zodiacs around the biodiverse islands in Gwaii Haanas. (B,L,D)

DAYS 10–12: ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE, ALASKA

Spend three days among spectacular scenery and wildlife in Alaska's Inside Passage. Explore the forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument by kayak or Zodiac. Explore the charming fishing village of Petersburg and the surrounding area on a forest walk, bicycle ride, or an optional flightseeing excursion. Board Zodiacs to cruise past the glacially carved cliffs of Tracy or Endicott Arm—both stunning fjords whose ice floes offer safe shelter to harbour seals. See soaring glaciers up close and gain an unparalleled view of sculpted iridescent icebergs. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 & 14: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK/INIAN ISLANDS/ CHICHAGOF ISLAND

By special park permit, spend a full day among the enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. A Tlingit cultural interpreter joins us to share local Indigenous knowledge, culture, and history of the area we explore. Then spend a day kayaking and hiking among abundant wildlife around the Inian Islands and Chichagof Island. Conditions permitting, we'll lower the ship's hydrophone to listen for whale communications. Enjoy a farewell dinner on our final night. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: SITKA/DISEMBARK

See the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre. Transfer to airport for flights home. (B)



Whale fluke.



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National Geographic Sea Bird
2023–2024 May, September

National Geographic Sea Lion
2023 May, September
2024 April, September

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Voyage to the Great Bear Rainforest



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Sail into the narrow, winding fjords of northern British Columbia and enter the domain of the rare Spirit Bear. Named one of National Geographic's "Places of a Lifetime," this protected coastal temperate rainforest is roughly the size of Ireland and features salmon-rich streams, forests of towering cedars, and abundant wildlife.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Take kayaks and Zodiacs deep into verdant fjords and along wildlife-rich shores, keeping your eyes peeled for foraging bears, grey wolves, pods of killer whales, and more.
- ▶ Journey into remote, protected lands and experience the silence as you stand among towering cedars.
- ▶ Learn the human history of the region from our cultural interpreter and fascinating First Nations museums.
- ▶ Witness the surprisingly colourful undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist.



Rare capture of the elusive spirit bear in the Great Bear Rainforest.

DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Ketchikan and visit the Totem Heritage Centre to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Embark *National Geographic Venture*. (D)



Totem Pole, Ketchikan.

DAY 2: PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Wake up in Prince Rupert, a scenic harbour town on British Columbia's rugged northwest coast. Get immersed in First Nations history at the Museum of Northern British Columbia, built in the style of a coastal longhouse. Breathe in the scent of cedar beams and peruse an impressive collection of ornate carvings, weavings, ceremonial objects, and regalia. Visit the North Pacific Cannery Museum, a collection of cannery buildings located in a pristine wilderness surrounding that highlights British Columbia's economic, cultural, and natural development over the last century. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–6: EXPLORING GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST & COASTAL BC

Over the next four days, we will cruise deep into the fjords and deep valleys that carve into the Coast Range looking for black and grizzly bears. We will be accompanied by a cultural interpreter who will share with you

local Indigenous knowledge, culture, and practice and offer unparalleled insights. It is believed that between 10-20 percent of bears in this region are born with the recessive gene that causes white fur; fewer than 400 are estimated to exist. Almost 15 percent of the land in British Columbia is protected, with a wide range of provincial parks, national parks, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will go ashore and explore several remote locations where few people venture. Discover hidden gems by Zodiac and kayak, navigating the tidal narrows that lead to the spectacular Gilttoyes Inlet and gliding into rugged valleys of Owyacumish Bay—all while constantly scanning the rocky shoreline for bears. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: CRUISING/LOWE INLET PROVINCIAL MARINE PARK

Sail alongside pods of killer whales and see foraging brown bears as we sail north through the narrow Grenville Channel, a dramatic navigational experience. Not only does the channel narrow to less than 400 metres across, but a slight bend in the passage makes the waterway seem to disappear into the hills ahead and behind the ship. If conditions allow, we will drop our Zodiacs and kayaks to explore the salmon stream at Verney Falls in Lowe Inlet Provincial Marine Park on our way



to Ketchikan. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA/DISEMBARK/ SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Return to Ketchikan and disembark the ship after breakfast. Transfer to the airport for a chartered flight to Seattle. (B)

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National Geographic Venture
2023-2024 September



National Geographic Venture in coastal British Columbia.

Exploring British Columbia & the San Juan Islands



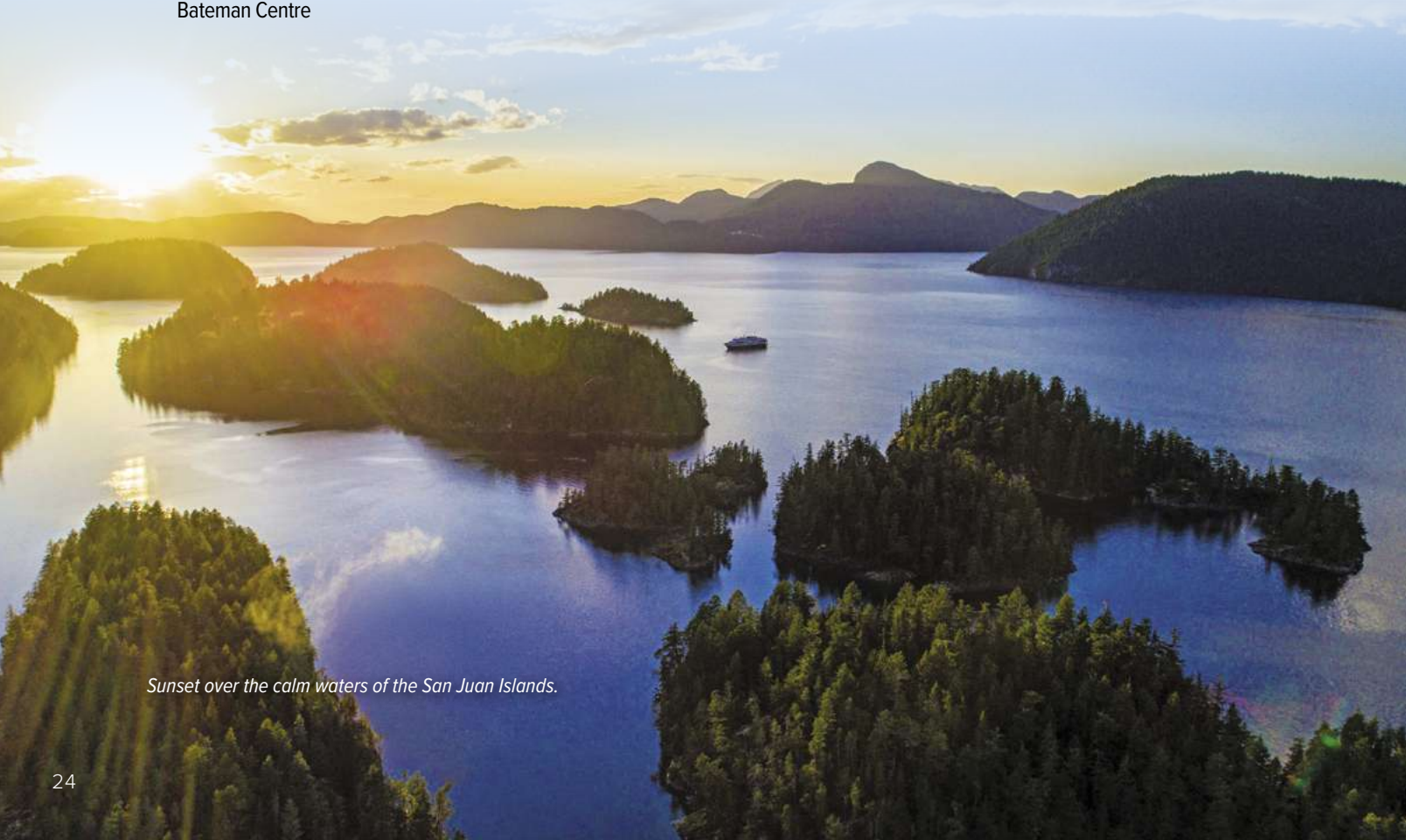
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Discover the powerful wildness, First Nations history, and warm charm of the Pacific Northwest over a wide-ranging week in the San Juan Islands and British Columbia.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Sail among remote islands where sea lions, river otters, bald eagles, and white-sided dolphins can be found
- ▶ Search for humpbacks and orcas, visit the Whale Museum, and learn about local populations from a researcher for the Centre for Whale Research
- ▶ Go through Desolation Sound on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, a mecca for kayakers with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty
- ▶ In Alert Bay visit the U'mista Cultural Centre to see a stunning collection of potlatch masks created by the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples
- ▶ In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Robert Bateman Centre



Sunset over the calm waters of the San Juan Islands.

DAY 1: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON/ EMBARK

Arrive in Seattle and transfer to *National Geographic Venture* to begin your expedition. (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Today we'll visit the more remote of the San Juan Islands, an archipelago in northern Washington State perfect for kayaking, exploring by Zodiac, and hiking. Walks with our expert staff will familiarise you with the natural and cultural history of the rugged northwest coast region. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: FRIDAY HARBOR

Explore picturesque Friday Harbor. Visit the Whale Museum's fascinating collection, and stop in at small shops and galleries. (B,L,D)



Victoria, British Columbia.

DAY 4: VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through Old Town, or explore the architecture of James Bay, the oldest residential neighborhood on the west coast north of San Francisco. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at The Bateman Foundation Gallery of Nature while taking in the incredible collection of paintings. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: EXPLORING THE GULF ISLANDS

Wake this morning among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachter's paradise. We'll take our pick of perfect spots to kayak, hike, and search for wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: JOHNSTONE STRAIT/ ALERT BAY

Sail through Johnstone Strait, a waterway cut through a magnificently wild and scenic

area of mountains and islands. These ocean waters are also home to extraordinary marine mammals and birdwatching. Today we visit one of the oldest First Nations communities in British Columbia. Alert Bay on Cormorant Island has been and continues to be the home of the Kwakwaka'wakw people and a centre for the living culture found throughout the Northwest Coast.

We will visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre, which houses one of the northwest coast's finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia, and coppers. Visit the Big House, where the T'sasala Cultural Group continues the sharing of culture, "educating the world about their songs, dances, teachings, and values." (B,L,D)



The Kwakwaka'wakw people in full dance regalia in Alert Bay.

DAY 7: DESOLATION SOUND

Desolation Sound, on the north end of British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, is a mecca for kayakers and small yachts. It's easy to understand why, with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty. We'll pick the perfect bay where we can explore by foot, kayak, or Zodiac. Tonight, enjoy a Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)



Sea lion haul-out.



DAY 8: VANCOUVER/DISEMBARK*

Vancouver is British Columbia's largest city and the major port for all of western Canada. It lies in a stunning setting, surrounded almost completely by water, with snowcapped mountains rising vertically from its backyard. After breakfast, disembark the ship for connecting flights home. (B)

DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture
2023-2024* September, October

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*Please note 2024 departures will operate roundtrip Seattle, covering the same stops along the way.



National Geographic Quest & National Geographic Venture

CAPACITY: 100 guests in 50 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet / 73 metres.

Sister ships *National Geographic Quest* and *National Geographic Venture* are designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A. Both ships set a new standard in exploration and comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness centre; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkelling gear and wetsuits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.



From top: Enjoy expansive views and regional fare in the informal dining room; gather to watch for wildlife or enjoy an evening cocktail with friends in the open air, partially covered sun deck.



Clockwise above: the lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Category 5 cabin is our most spacious; Category 4 cabin with single beds (which can be converted to queen) and private step-out balcony.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins face outside with a large window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

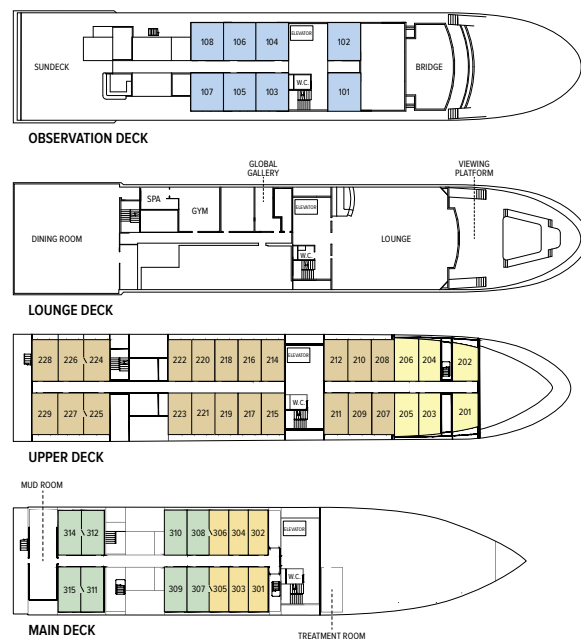
CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins face outside with a sliding glass door and small private balcony, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror, convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person, expanded bathroom and extra closet space.

NOTE: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

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National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 152 feet / 46 metres.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired fare.

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

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 5 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkelling gear and wetsuits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist.

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



From top: Meals are served in single seatings with unassigned tables for easy mingling; enjoy a morning stretch class or afternoon wildlife viewing from the partially covered sun deck.



Clockwise from left: the lounge with expedition library and flatscreens for easy presentation viewing; single beds can be pushed together to form a queen in the four Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck; a comfortable Category 2 cabin.

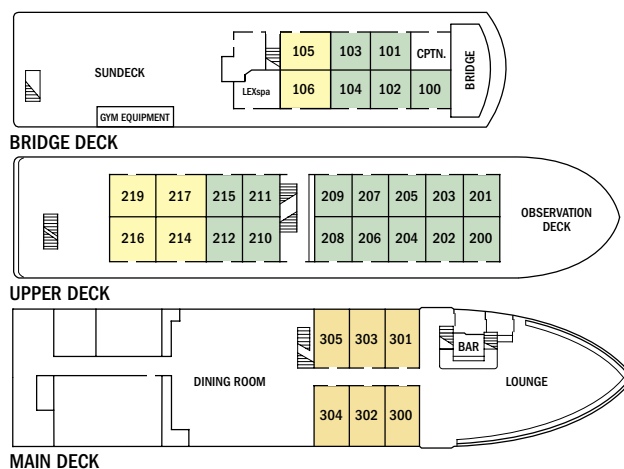
CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands, a closet, small table and two chairs. Upper deck cabins have a pull-out Murphy bed to accommodate a third person and two single beds that can convert to a queen.

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

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



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