JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA
JANUARY 7-20, 2021

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER
That’s the exhilaration of discovery.
HOWDY, AGS!
A trip to majestic, remote Antarctica is truly the journey of a lifetime. Join our voyage and you’ll be in direct contact with Antarctica's teeming penguin rookeries. You will trek through the exhilarating landscape, encounter cathedral-sized icebergs and humpback whales aboard Zodiaks, and kayak for your own personal polar adventure.

Share the adventure with fellow Traveling Aggies, plus a veteran team of naturalists who will enhance your understanding and appreciation. You’ll also experience the Antarctic undersea, with the expertise of an undersea specialist and with the help of a Remotely Operated Vehicle. You’ll capture the amazing scenery and wildlife with a unique expedition photography program, featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning National Geographic photographer Jay Dickman. Plus, you’ll have the services of the onboard certified photo instructor, a specially trained naturalist who will help to improve your skills and ensure you go home with incredible photos.

It is important to remember that Antarctica is not tame—it is one of the most remote and wild places on Earth. Our tour operator for this program, Lindblad Expeditions, pioneered expedition travel to Antarctica 50 years ago and is well known for their experience and commitment to safety and preserving the environment. We’ll travel to the White Continent aboard the state-of-the-art expedition ship National Geographic Explorer, designed to provide you with the utmost safety and comfort.

We hope you will join us in a memorable trip of a lifetime to the stunning wilderness of Antarctica! To reserve your place, please call us at 979-845-7514 or 800-633-7514, or return the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ’em!

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Note: The total trip costs include complimentary bar tab and crew gratuities on this voyage.

Cover photo: With outstretched wings, gentoo penguins keep their balance on an ice floe, Cuverville Island, Antarctica. ©Ryder Redfield
Opposite: Guests exploring by Zodiac have an extraordinary encounter with a spyhopping humpback whale. ©Eric Guth
Ship’s Registry: Bahamas
DISCOVER THE THRILL OF THE ICE

Edifying. Captivating. And deeply moving. The ice art of Antarctica is among the world’s most singular sights. The Antarctic ice sheet is the most distinctive feature of Earth as seen from space—as described by every astronaut’s account. And the ice is what makes every Antarctic explorer vow to return. It’s visually stunning and nearly kaleidoscopic in its variety of form. But what’s exhilarating to discover is the ice’s voice. Sitting in a stilled kayak, listening to the subtle sibilance of 1,000-year-old gases releasing from a bobbing field of floating bergy bits is like eavesdropping on Earth’s whispered secrets. Ice fever. It’s a thing.

ENCOUNTER PENGUINS GALORE

Adélies. Chinstraps. Gentoos. These are the riveting, often raucous, denizens of Antarctica. Meet and greet three of the world’s penguin species. Visit their rookeries and see fascinating behavior. Whether they’re squabbling, fetching krill and feeding chicks, or “porpoising” (propelling themselves from the sea), you will delight in their antics and marvel at their adaptation to life on the ice.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Take advantage of Antarctica’s unrivaled photo opportunities; close-up view of a leopard seal; guests enjoy the spectacular vistas from deck; an exuberant guest takes the polar plunge challenge; photographing an Adélie penguin up close.
PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORATION

*National Geographic Explorer* is a genuine expedition ship, not a cruise ship masquerading as one. Therefore, she is uniquely equipped to facilitate the expedition philosophy of in-depth seeing and experiencing—with state-of-the-art tools for exploration. An unparalleled base for discovery, the ship enables the fullest expression of the expedition style: an intimate, authentic, learning-oriented environment. She is also most importantly able to provide excellent safety features and an equally excellent Antarctic experience. In addition to being an ice-class polar expedition vessel, *National Geographic Explorer* is a beautiful ship, built with careful attention to details and comfort. Accommodating just 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins, she fosters a welcoming esprit de corps within the expedition community and provides a perfect ending to active days.

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY ENSURE EXTRAORDINARY BENEFITS

**DNV ICE-1A Class Rating** on the hull, enabling us to navigate the ice safely

**A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet

**A Crow’s Nest Remote-controlled 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**

**An Observation Lounge**, providing panoramic vistas of the scenery and a supply of binoculars

**Large Fleet of Zodiacs** and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation of all guests

**36 Double Kayaks** that allow personal exploring in pristine Antarctic environments

**A Professional Video Chronicler** to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a video prior to departure available for purchase
TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

You’ll travel with the top team plying polar waters. The ship’s captain and officers have decades of experience navigating Antarctic expeditions, confirming they have the expertise and confidence to safely conduct guests through the full range of polar weather and sea conditions. With a profound love for the polar geographies, the captain and his team ensure that spontaneity and memorable moments remain expedition hallmarks.

The unparalleled expedition team is key to your in-depth experience. An expedition leader, naturalists/historians, undersea specialist, professional photographer, certified photo instructor, video chronicler, and wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders. The generous expedition staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice in activities and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. Their guidance and enthusiasm make this Antarctica expedition uniquely informative and fun.

TAKE GREAT PHOTOS WITH THE PROS

Unique in the world of travel, the expedition photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivaled photography opportunities—including Pulitzer Prize-winning National Geographic photographer Jay Dickman aboard. Plus, a certified photo instructor is on hand to help you understand your camera settings, the basics of composition, and wildlife behavior. Then, test the latest high-end photo gear, on loan from B&H Photo Video. Now, every guest—from smartphone camera users to semi-pro shooters—can stand side-by-side with top photographers and pick up tips in the field and take great photos.
Go with us for a genuinely immersive experience. National Geographic Explorer’s Antarctic itinerary is crafted by explorers, enhanced by onboard experts and advanced tools, and features myriad opportunities for adventure. Begin each day with a morning stretch class or pre-breakfast coffee. Hang out on the Bridge to watch the captain navigate or head to the bow to watch the ship slice through the ice. Pick up pro tips from onboard expert photographers, and explore the undersea from the cozy lounge via live footage captured by the undersea specialist. Go ashore to hike for spectacular views, explore a penguin colony, and a chance to kayak for personal exploration. A fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, plus the team’s swiftness in deploying them, ensures you’ll never be wistfully awaiting a turn. You'll be out in nature—enjoying and exploring all it offers—as quickly as possible.

EVEN DISCOVER THE VIVID UNDERSEA

An onboard undersea specialist will dive with a video camera and bring back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the ship’s lounge, perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d’oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be pioneering. In Antarctica, the footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.
JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: 
THE WHITE CONTINENT

14 DAYS/11 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

Traveling aboard the state-of-the-art National Geographic Explorer, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous tabular icebergs by Zodiac, photograph the penguin colonies, and kayak in complete tranquility.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina’s cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Alvear Art Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city’s Beaux Arts palaces and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Perón. (Day 2: L)

DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK
Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking the ship. (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, you 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 unplanned landing. We anticipate making landings to walk ashore and kayak among the ice floes, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching the 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 to capture images of those same penguins from the expert onboard photographers. Back on ship, the undersea specialist may present video from that day’s dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using the ROV. The 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 Antarctica 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 and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:
Buenos Aires: Pre-voyage, 2 days.
Iguazu Falls: Post-voyage, 3 days.
Easter Island: Post-voyage, 4 days.
Call for details.
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER**

Capacity: 81 outside cabins accommodating 148 guests.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet.

*National Geographic Explorer* is a state-of-the-art, fully stabilized expedition ship. It is an ice-class vessel, with an Ice-1A steel reinforced forward hull, enabling it to navigate remote places while providing exceptional comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows, and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. The “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

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

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote-controlled camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, world-class professional photographer, certified photo instructor, video chronicler, Internet café, and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, LEXspa treatment room, and sauna.
COSTS ARE PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS INDICATED AS SOLO.

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SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

SOLO OCCUPANCY: Cabins available in Categories A and B.

Note: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306 have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed.

*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.
INCLUSIVE PRICING

ABOARD SHIP
✓ All meals and alcoholic (except certain super-premium brands) and nonalcoholic beverages
✓ 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda and complimentary refillable water bottle
✓ Hors d’oeuvres and snacks during lounge Recap
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ Sauna and fitness center
✓ The guidance and company of the expedition staff
✓ Gratuities to ship’s crew
✓ Mac computers for downloading your photos and internet access
✓ Access to the B&H photo locker with latest gear to try out on loan
✓ Complimentary Exclusive Antarctica Parka

ASHORE
✓ One hotel night in Buenos Aires and city overview
✓ Guided overview of Ushuaia and hotel VIP lounge pre-airport with refreshments
✓ Meals on land as indicated in itinerary
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to and from group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

ACTIVITIES
✓ All shore activities
✓ Zodiac and kayak explorations
✓ Lectures and presentations in the lounge
✓ Photo instruction
✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist

SPECIAL OFFERS

COMPLIMENTARY BAR TAB AND CREW GRATUITIES: Tips to the crew and all alcoholic beverages aboard ship are included with compliments (except certain super-premium brands of alcohol).

BRING THE KIDS: Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take $500 off the double-occupancy price for each person under the age of 18.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXPEDITION COST INCLUDES: Accommodations aboard ship; one hotel night in Buenos Aires; meals and all beverages aboard ship (except certain super-premium brands of alcohol), meals on land as indicated in itinerary; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and tips; services of the ship physician and expedition staff. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation, including charter airfare Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires; extensions; passport, visa, immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as certain premium brands of alcohol, Wi-Fi, voyage chronicle, laundry.

SAMPLE AIRFARES: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from $1,100; Business from $3,100. Charter airfare from $990-$1,420 round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia. Immigration fees are not included. Airfares subject to change. Lindblad will assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US $1,500 per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel and medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you upon registration.

No funds donated to The Association of Former Students or to Texas A&M University have been used in the production or mailing of this travel brochure; all such costs are covered by the tour supplier.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA
ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER — JANUARY 7-20, 2021

Please reserve ___________ place(s).

Name 1: ________________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: __________________________________________________________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: ________________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: __________________________________________________________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State: __________________ Zip: ___________

Home Phone: _______________________ Cell Phone: _______________________________

Business Phone: _______________________ Fax: _________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Accommodations:  □ Double  □ Single  □ Twin share w/friend

□ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:
1st choice: ___________________________ 2nd choice: _____________________________

Please send information on the extension to  □ Buenos Aires  □ Iguazú Falls  □ Easter Island.

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ________________________ (US$1,500 per person).

Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

□ Charge my advance payment of $ ________________________ (US$1,500 per person)
to my □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ American Express  □ Discover.

Account Number: __________________________________ Expires: ________________

Cardholder Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Explore the world’s last great wilderness in the company of fellow Traveling Aggies and a team of top naturalists.

» View magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and ice formations.

» On shore observe thousands of penguins: gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.

» Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of wildlife.

» Kayak in protected waters, paddling as penguins swim nearby.

» Choose to spend two days prior in warm Buenos Aires or time post-voyage at Easter Island or Iguazú Falls.

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