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JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS | JANUARY 6-19, 2024



ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



HOWDY, AGS!

A trip to majestic, remote Antarctica is truly the journey of a lifetime. Join our voyage and you'll be able to observe thousands of penguins. You will trek through the exhilarating landscape, see cathedral-sized icebergs from your Zodiac, observe whales feeding and kayak for your own personal polar adventure.

Share the adventure with a veteran team of naturalists who will enhance your understanding and appreciation. Experience the Antarctic undersea with the expertise of an undersea specialist and the help of a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). You'll capture the amazing scenery and wildlife with a unique expedition photography program, featuring an onboard professional photographer. Plus, you'll have the services of an onboard certified photo instructor and a specially trained naturalist who will help 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 over 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. I hope you will join us on this memorable trip of a lifetime to the stunning wilderness of Antarctica!

To reserve your place, please call us at 800-633-7514 or return the enclosed reservation form.

Gig 'em!

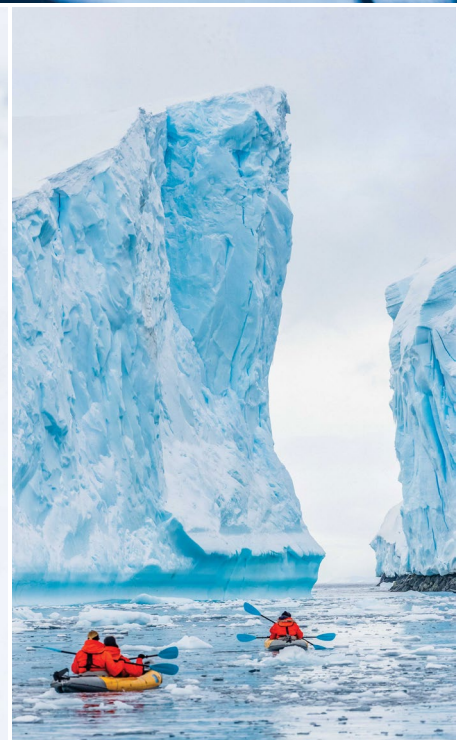


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Book by June 30, 2023
and receive an airfare offer
available between select
U.S. cities and Buenos Aires.
See page 12 for details.

*Cover photo: An Adélie penguin takes the plunge over icy landscapes.
Opposite: Guests exploring by Zodiac have an extraordinary encounter with a spy-hopping humpback whale. ©Eric Guth. A curious adult leopard seal. ©Michael S. Nolan.
Guests exploring by Zodiac in Antarctica.
Ship's Registry: Bahamas*



DISCOVER THE THRILL OF THE ICE

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. The ice is what makes every Antarctic explorer vow to return. It's visually stunning and nearly kaleidoscopic in its variety of forms; but what's most 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 to feed chicks, or "porpoising" (propelling themselves from the sea), you will delight in their antics and marvel at their adaptation to life on the ice.



Penguins on massive iceberg.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Take advantage of Antarctica's unrivaled photo opportunities; guests observing a leopard seal up close; guests enjoy the spectacular vistas from deck; the natural harbor of Port Lockroy creates a calm environment for individual exploration; abundantly present in Antarctica, look for chinstrap penguins gliding on their bellies.



PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORATION

National Geographic Explorer is a genuine expedition ship, not a cruise ship masquerading as one. Therefore, it 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. It 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, it fosters a welcoming esprit de corps within the expedition community and provides a perfect ending to active days.



Guests review nautical maps on the Bridge.

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY ENSURE EXTRAORDINARY BENEFITS

- **DNV ICE-1A Class Rating** on the hull, enabling us to navigate the ice safely
- **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)** that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet
- **Crow's Nest remote-controlled camera** with real-time footage broadcast on high definition LCD video screens within each cabin
- **Electronic chart system** that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
- **Chart room** with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, and hot cocoa station
- Open invitation to **visit the bridge**
- **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

Opposite (clockwise from top): National Geographic Explorer is designed with the utmost attention to safety and comfort; guests join officers on the Bridge to watch them navigate the ice; exploring amid the bergs via Zodiac with narration by a naturalist; kayaks allow for personal exploration.

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 expedition staff helps guests board kayaks safely and swiftly.

TAKE GREAT PHOTOS WITH THE PROS

Unique in the world of travel, our expedition photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivaled photography opportunities—including a world-class professional photographer 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 OM System. 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.



Guests photograph an iceberg.

ACTIVELY EXPLORE EVERY DAY, IN MANY WAYS



Guests enjoying the view on a hike.

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. Go ashore to hike for spectacular views, explore a penguin colony, and have 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.

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.



Undersea specialist dives with a video camera to shoot footage for viewing in the lounge.

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National Geographic Explorer approaching an iceberg, Antarctica.

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 parks, and Recoleta—the final resting place of Argentina's iconic first lady, Eva Perón. In the early evening, we gather for an informal reception and a drink at the hotel.

DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

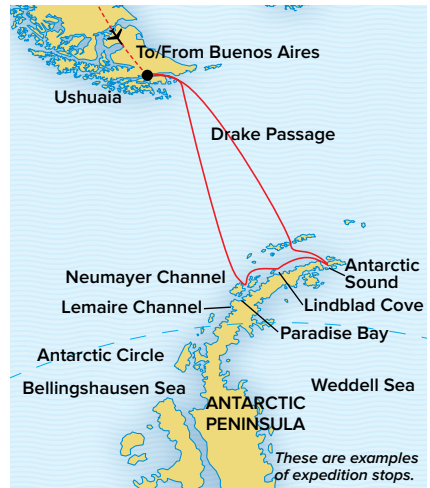
Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise on the Beagle Channel before embarking the ship. (B,L,D)

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 head into 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 an accomplished professional photographer. Back aboard, 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 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 and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 13: B,L)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

Buenos Aires: Pre-voyage, 3 days.

Iguazú Falls: Post-voyage, 3 days.

Easter Island: Post-voyage, 4 days.



Adélie penguins.



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 expedition ship. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling her to navigate polar passages 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; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear; and observation lounge. An open bridge enables guests to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

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

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with Wi-Fi, multiple electrical outlets, USB outlets, full-length mirror, and phones. TV featuring entertainment on demand, live feed for onboard presentations, bow camera, and ship's position. Luxury bed linens and pillows. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essentials Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles, and a *National Geographic Atlas* are available in each cabin.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, kayaks, remotely operated vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote-controlled camera, video microscope.

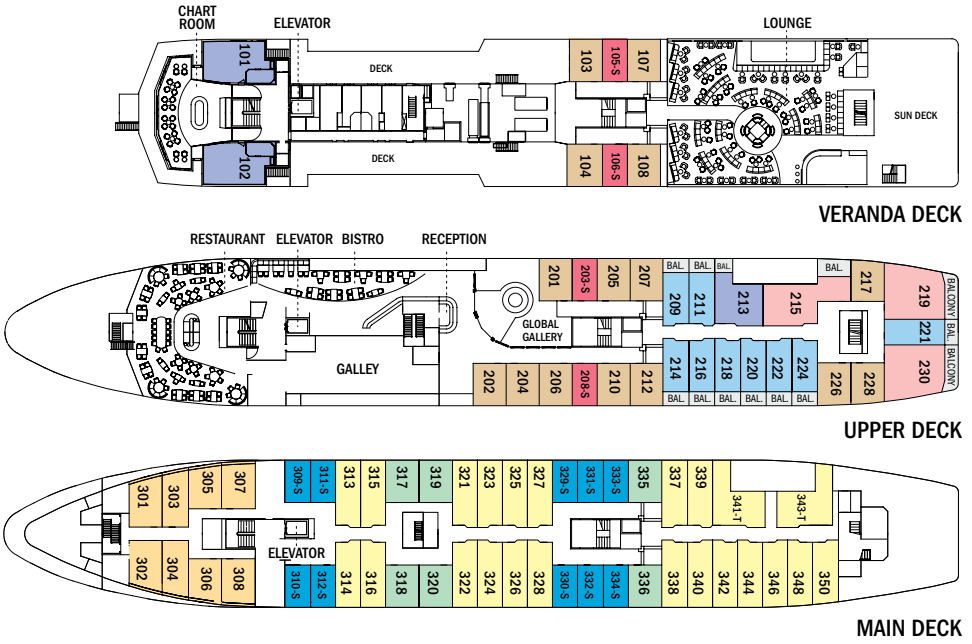
SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, professional photographer, certified photo instructor, internet café, and laundry.

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

SUSTAINABILITY: Lindblad Expeditions takes responsible, sustainable travel to heart. For over 50 years, our expeditions have inspired travelers to protect the ocean, conserve wildlife, bolster local communities, and enable meaningful scientific research. We are 100% carbon neutral and dedicated to green business practices at every level of our operations. When you travel with us, you'll eat sustainable meals, experience our commitment to single-use plastic-free travel, and be aboard the industry's first self-disinfecting expedition ships, prioritizing your health and safety. Feel good about exploring with us and preserve the planet for future generations.



From top: Dining room with unassigned seating and a casual atmosphere; comfortable Category 5 cabin with balcony; standard bathroom; fitness center with panoramic views.



COSTS ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY UNLESS INDICATED AS SOLO.

CATEGORY 1: \$16,150

Main Deck — With one or two portholes #301-308

CATEGORY 2: \$17,290

Main Deck — With window #317-320, 335-336

CATEGORY 3: \$17,900

Main Deck — With window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

CATEGORY 4: \$19,250

Upper & Veranda Decks — With window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

CATEGORY 5: \$23,190

Upper Deck — With balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

CATEGORY 6: \$26,440

Veranda Deck — Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

CATEGORY 7: \$30,200

Upper Deck — Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

CATEGORY A SOLO: \$21,410

Main Deck — With window #309-312, 329-334

CATEGORY B SOLO: \$22,330

Upper & Veranda Decks — With window #105-106, 203, 208

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-size bed. All other double cabins have two single beds; some can convert to a queen-size 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—from breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to hors d'oeuvres and snacks during Recap, tea time cookies, and all-day fruit
- ✓ All alcoholic (excluding certain premium brands) and nonalcoholic beverages including coffees and sodas
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ Sauna and fitness center
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your photos
- ✓ Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try on loan
- ✓ Complimentary Exclusive Antarctica Parka
- ✓ Crew gratuities

ASHORE

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

ACTIVITIES

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

SPECIAL OFFERS

AIR INCLUDED UP TO \$5,000: Book by June 30, 2023. Airfare included up to a ticket value of \$2,000 per person when booking economy-class in a Category 1-5 cabin, including solo cabins, or up to \$5,000 per person when booking business-class in a Category 6 cabin or higher. To qualify for the offer, it must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that airfare at the time of booking is higher than \$2,000 or \$5,000 per person (as applicable), guest will be required to pay any amount in excess of \$2,000 or \$5,000 per person (as applicable). Valid on this departure date from Miami, Dallas, Boston, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York or San Francisco into Buenos Aires for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on extensions. Baggage fees may be additional and seat assignments may not be guaranteed. Call for details.

MILESTONE CELEBRATION PACKAGE: Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, etc., with your group of eight or more and receive 5% off, a \$150 shipboard credit for the spa or champagne, a complimentary group photo and more. Milestone celebration must be communicated at time of booking. Milestone amenity package is one per group, intended for the guest celebrating the Milestone event. Group discount is applicable to cruise portion only, and does not apply towards additional services such as hotels, extensions, airfare, etc. Group cancellation terms also apply. Not combinable with certain offers.

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; exclusive Antarctica parka; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and all tips (including gratuities to the ship's crew); services of the ship physician and our 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 and immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature, such as Wi-Fi, laundry, etc.

SAMPLE AIRFARES: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$3,400. Charter airfare from \$1,220-\$1,520 round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. 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\$2,500 per person is payable by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

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.

SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) 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 or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Note: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs. No funds donated to The Association of Former Students or to Texas A&M University have been used in the production of this travel brochure; all such costs are covered by the tour supplier.

CANCELLATION POLICY

| 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 | 100% of trip cost*** |

*\$750 will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which only may be applied towards final payment on any future booking.

***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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800-633-7514 or Lindblad Expeditions at
833-985-1261

Or please send reservation form to:

Lindblad Expeditions
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Fax: 646-390-2050

RESERVATION FORM:

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Please reserve _____ place(s).

Name 1: _____ (M/F): _____
(As it appears on passport)

Name 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: _____ (M/F): _____
(As it appears on passport)

Name 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend: _____

☐ Twin share: I request assistance in securing a same gender roommate

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Advance Payment Information: US\$2,500 per person

Please send information on the extension to ☐ **Buenos Aires** ☐ **Iguazú Falls** ☐ **Easter Island**

☐ If paying by check, please make payable to: **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ _____

☐ If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information

☐ I have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them:

Signature: _____ Date: _____


JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of our 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.

100% CARBON NEUTRAL AND COMMITTED TO BEING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE

We have chosen Lindblad Expeditions because they care deeply about the planet and see travel as a powerful force for good.

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