Treasures of the Inside Passage

Enjoy active exploration amid a dramatic scenery of mountains, fjords, rivers and glaciers along the Inside Passage of Alaska and British Columbia. Led by our Expedition Team of naturalists and experts, learn all about the nature and wildlife we encounter. Learn about the living indigenous culture of the region from the Kwakwaka'wakw people; explore the charming provincial capital of Victoria; and sail the waters where orcas gather to hunt in Johnstone Strait.

From
A$ 10,000 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES
Apr, May, Sep and Oct

DURATION
13-14 Days

SHIPS
National Geographic Quest
National Geographic Venture

STARTS AT
Juneau, Alaska

→

ENDS AT
Seattle, Washington

Please review the Essential Eligibility Criteria for hiking activities on this voyage.

The National Park Service, Department of Interior authorizes Lindblad Expeditions as a Concessioner to provide Tour Vessel Services within Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider .

Highlights

- Hike the San Juan Islands, and cruise nearby waters in British Columbia where orcas gather annually to hunt within the isles' inlets and bays
- Sail into Glacier Bay National Park and spend a full day discovering the grand scale of the mountains, fjords, and active glaciers (14-day departures only)
- Explore Prince Rupert, a scenic harbor town on British Columbia's rugged northwest coast, and gain insight into the region's rich First Nations heritage (13-day departures only)
- In Misty Fjords National Monument, kayak along sheer cliffs and forested backwaters

Glacier Bay N.P.
Inian Islands
Juneau
Frederick Sound
Sitka
Petersburg
Misty Fjords
Prince Rupert
Johnstone Strait
Sunshine Coast
Gulf Islands
Victoria
Seattle
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Day by day

DAY 1

Juneau, Alaska / Embark Ship

Arrive in Juneau, Alaska's capital—one of only two U.S. capital cities not accessible by car, it lies at the base of the picturesque Mt. Roberts. Transfer to the ship to embark in early evening.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 3:00 p.m. local time.
Arrival City: Juneau, Alaska

Meals included: dinner

DAY 2

Endicott Arm

Voyage into Endicott Arm, a spectacular fjord with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes Glacier up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises and arctic terns.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3

Inian Islands / Icy Strait

Cruise among the Inian Islands, where Steller sea lions and sea otters abound. Hike nearby islands, kayak and search for whales in the nutrient-rich waters of Icy Strait.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 4

Glacier Bay National Park

Spend the entire day cruising amid the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park. See glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them calving, when tons of ice separate and crash into the water accompanied by a thunderous sound.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 5

Exploring Baranof or Chichagof Island

Spend a full day kayaking, hiking and searching for bubble-net feeding or breaching humpback whales.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 6

Petersburg

Search for humpback whales on the approach to picturesque Petersburg, a small fishing village on Alaska's Mitkof Island that retains much of its Norwegian heritage. Explore a unique Southeast Alaska ecosystem, the muskeg, with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity to stretch your legs with an optional bike ride around town. This evening, enjoy a crab feast.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 7

Misty Fjords

Enjoy the day soaking up the spectacular scenery of Alaska's Misty Fjords National Monument, a 2.3-million-acre wilderness of shear rock walls, temperate rain forest and glacier-sculpted waterways. Kayak in the still, forested backwaters of this protected national treasure and discover a pristine habitat for brown bears, bald eagles, harbor seals and more.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS 8-9

Inside Passage of British Columbia

Cruise southward along the pristine coastline in search of whales, dolphins, bears, deer and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak among the many bays and inlets.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 10

Alert Bay and Johnstone Strait, British Columbia

Visit the Big House in the First Nations village of Alert Bay, Canada and gain insight from the Kwakwaka'wakw people who will share their art, music and regional knowledge. 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 bird watching.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 11

Gulf Islands

Located in the Strait of Georgia, between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands are a nature lover's paradise. Explore the myriad islets and rocky coasts, and keep an eye out for harbor seals and an array of seabirds, shorebirds and birds of prey.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

◇ DAY 12

Victoria, British Columbia

In the charming Canadian city of Victoria, choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront or take a stroll through history in Old Town. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 13

San Juan Islands, Washington

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 your expert staff will familiarize you with the natural and cultural history of the rugged northwest coast region.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 14

Seattle / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Seattle and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Departure Time: After 11:30 a.m. local time.
Departure City: Seattle, WA

Meals included: breakfast

2027 14-day Southbound

Juneau, Alaska → Seattle, Washington

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

02 Oct				

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2027 Departure Dates

27 Apr, 02 May

2028 Departure Dates

24 Apr, 25 Apr, 23 Sep

National Geographic Quest

GUESTS	CABINS
100	50

National Geographic Quest, built in 2017, is designed for sailing into fast-moving channels and shallow coves in pan-American waters.

When she rolled out of Nichols Brothers shipyard and into the bay on Whidbey Island, the 100 guest National Geographic Quest became the third ship in the Lindblad fleet built at this storied Pacific Northwest shipyard. In the 1970s, Nichols Brothers built the twin ships *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*, which continue to sail the waters of the west coast of North America and Central America.

National Geographic Quest was purpose-built to explore the fast-moving channels and narrow straits of Alaska, along the coast of Costa Rica and into the gray whale nursery lagoons of Baja, her design and engineering informed by our nearly 40 years of experience in these regions. Her twin boarding platforms, for example, were suggested by a veteran staffer. Enabling our team to load two Zodiacs at once means guests get off the ship quickly to take advantage of wildlife sightings and maximize exploring time.

National Geographic Quest's shallow draft allows her captain to navigate the same inner reaches and provide intimate "insider" experiences in these charismatic regions. Modern, clean-lined, with large expanses of glass to keep you connected to the extraordinary views, *National Geographic Quest* enables you to see, do and experience the best of her geographies.

Cabin Categories

Category 1

MAIN DECK **#301-306**

Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, two nightstands and two portholes, full length mirror and reading lights.

Category 2

MAIN DECK **#307-315**

Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, two nightstands and two portholes, full length mirror and reading lights.

Category 3

UPPER DECK **#201-206**

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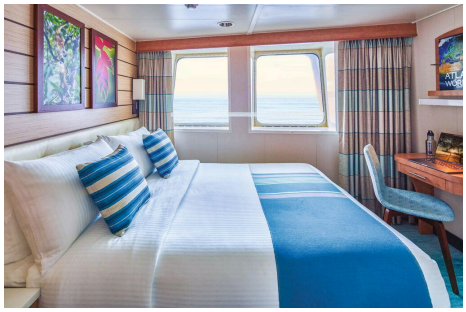

Category 4

UPPER DECK **#207-229**

Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, closet, two nightstands, full-length mirror, reading lights, sliding glass door and a small, private balcony.

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, #306-307;
Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

Category 5

OBSERVATION DECK **#101-108 (SUITE)**

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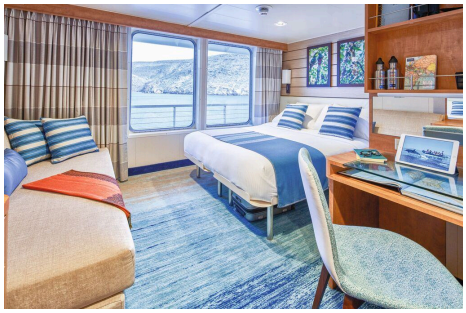
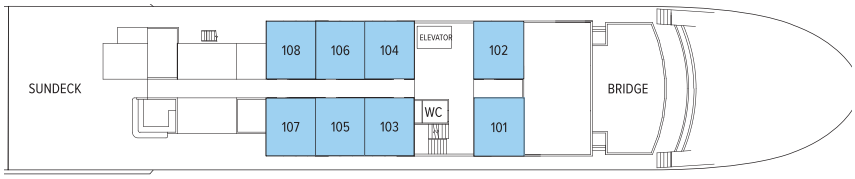


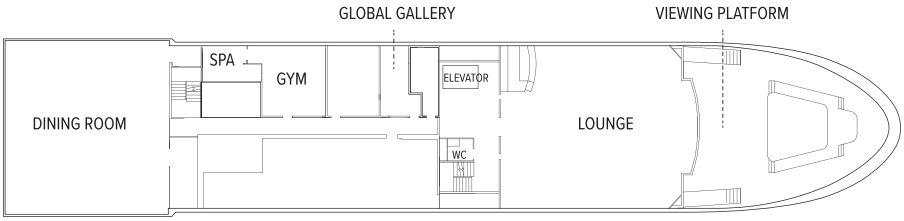
Deck Plans

Observation Deck

- Category 5



Lounge Deck



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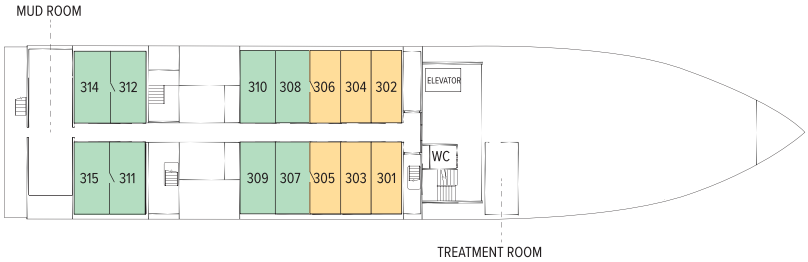

Ship Amenities

Public Areas

Reception; main dining area; global gallery; fitness center; lounge with full-service bar and state-of-the-art presentation facilities; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear; partially-covered furnished sundeck; plus open access to the Bridge, the Captain, officers and on-duty wildlife spotters.

Meals

Meals are served in the dining room at a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menus feature sustainable choices, local where possible.

Cabins

50 outside cabins. All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with Wi-Fi, phone, multiple electrical and USB outlets, and phones. Luxury linens and pillows. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles and a National Geographic Atlas are also available in each cabin.

Expedition Equipment

A fleet of 8 Zodiacs, 24 kayaks, paddleboards; an ROV, hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope; snorkeling gear and wetsuits for all guests (where applicable).

Special Features

National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and video chronicler. Internet access. Elevator. The design of the outside decks—with the perfect wildlife viewing platform. And the way the proximity of the Lounge to the deck gives you instant access to spontaneous sightings. Have your camera ready!

Wellness

A fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, weights, resistance bands; LEXspa treatment room, staffed by wellness specialists.

Self-Disinfecting Ships

ACT Clean CoatTM is a light-activated, self-disinfecting cleaning process that continuously breaks down viruses, bacteria, mold, and airborne allergens across all ship surfaces. Not only does this create a cleaner, healthier shipboard environment for guests and crew alike, but this non-toxic, chemical-free system also saves more than one million gallons of water each year in our cleaning procedures, and reduces our carbon footprint as well as the amount of plastic and waste in our supply chain.

National Geographic Venture

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The *National Geographic Venture* is a state-of-the-art expedition ship ideal for discovering remote locations in domestic waters.

Following the build of *National Geographic Quest* at Nichols Brothers shipyard, her sister ship, *National Geographic Venture*, floated into the bay on Whidbey Island, Washington, becoming the 4th ship in the Lindblad fleet built at this storied shipyard. In the 1970s, Nichols Brothers built the twin ships *National Geographic Sea Bird* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*, which continue to sail the waters of the west coast of North America and Central America.

National Geographic Venture, like much of the wildlife she follows, is migratory. She follows the seasons from Alaska, along the coast of British Columbia, up the Columbia and Snake Rivers and along the Baja California coast. In each region, her design innovations were informed by 50+ years of expedition expertise to ensure extraordinary discoveries. *National Geographic Venture*'s shallow draft enables her to provide intimate 'insider' experiences of the charismatic regions we explore.

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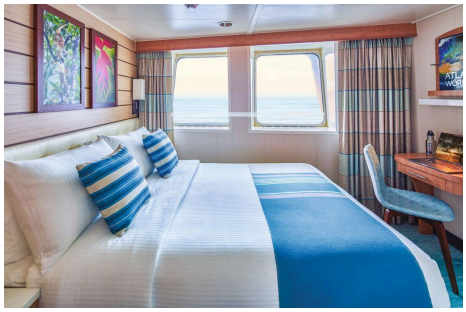

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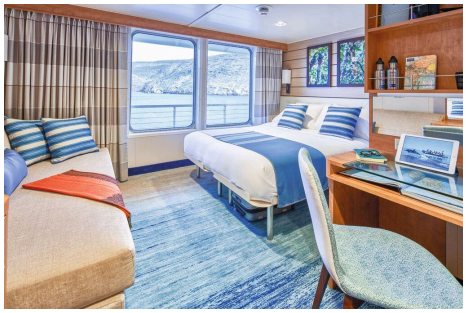

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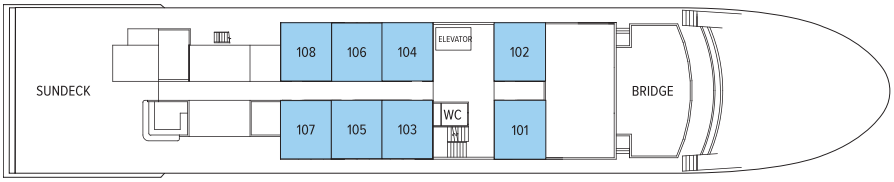

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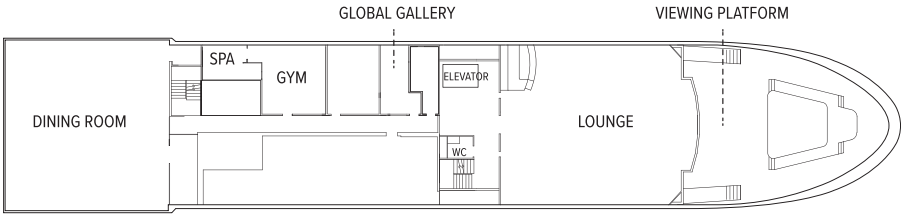

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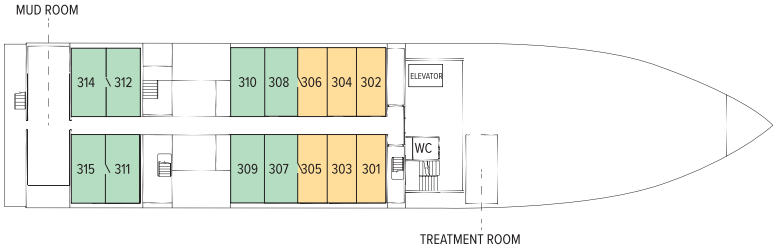

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Special Offers

SUITE EXCLUSIVES

Spacious living areas and incredible views immerse you in the beauty of your marine surroundings. Our new Suite Exclusives package helps make your voyage all the more memorable. **Learn more**

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

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.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; basic WiFi, park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare (except flights* when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

*Recommended flight costs include flight(s) that take place during the date range of your trip to transport travelers from one itinerary destination to another. This cost also includes ground transportation, luggage transfer, and airport assistance. If you prefer to arrange your own flights privately, have alternate means of transport, or wish to modify at a later time, please contact an Expedition Specialist at 1.833.400.0831

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

We strongly recommend our guests to 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, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non- refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

CANCELLATION POLICY

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