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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.

Cover: Humpback Whale calf breaching in Hobart Bay, © Michael S. Nolan; This page: Dawes Glacier in Endicott Arm, part of the Tracy Arm - Fords Terror Wilderness, Alaska.

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Celebrating 40+ Years in Alaska

BY FRAN GOLDEN

Award-winning writer Fran Golden has been traveling 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 travelers, 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 favor 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 civilization 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 snowcapped 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 aweto 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 Authentic and Immersive Exploration

Over the course of a nearly 20-year alliance, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have created meaningful travel experiences that foster a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you join one of our Alaska expeditions, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy of discovery.

Take Great Photos with the Pros

A Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI) joins each Alaska voyage to assist travelers 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. 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, colorful jellies and anemones, and other unusual life forms found deep beneath the surface.



with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

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 license, 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 \$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 behavior uncommon outside the waters of Alaska. Special experiences, like onboard discussions with researchers from AWF, give travelers 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 travelers 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 justpicked berries and locally brewed craft beers.

ALL IN: Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price. **CHEERS!** Beginning in 2024 we will pick up your full bar tab (excluding super-premium brands).

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

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Southeast Alaska: The Ultimate Classroom

Naturalist Kim Baldwin has a dual role aboard the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet: in addition to interpreting our wild surroundings for guests, she also serves as a certified field educator. Here, she explains how she transforms Southeast Alaska into the ultimate classroom for kids and teens.







My role as a certified field educator is to mentor the young people who travel with us and expose them to nature in a way that encourages them to develop observation, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. **Young people are naturally curious, and coming to Southeast Alaska allows that curiosity to bloom.**

The region is majestic, with snow-covered mountains, temperate forests, glacier-carved fjords, and other wild areas to explore. Traveling by small ship lets us go deep into this pristine sanctuary and witness creatures at close range in their natural habitat.

We're likely to see humpback whales, sometimes engaged in cooperative feeding called bubble-netting. If we're lucky, we'll spot black or brown bears along the shore. When the tide



is out, they come to the water's edge to feed-it's a rare and wonderful thing.

The ship is equipped with a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that our young explorers can drive along the seafloor to document what is living below us. We also collect plankton, put it under the microscope,

and display it on a large screen to show the microfiber pollution in the water. This is real science, and it makes ecology lessons more tangible for young people.

One of the other great draws here is the glaciers-these beautiful blue chunks of ice that we get to maneuver through. On board, we'll make ice cream sundae glaciers, where we use



ice cream and whipped cream to show the difference in densities of the snow on top of glacial ice. It's a delicious analogy. Another activity involves allowing a chunk of glacial ice to melt and saving the water for watercolor paintings. The paintings take on a different meaning when you're using 500-year-old ice.

Ultimately, we hope these experiences will help young people make connections between conservation and the abundance of life around them, and that they take what they



learned in the wild back home. A week in Southeast Alaska could be the spark that ignites a love for nature that lasts their entire lives.

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. Witness the thunder as glaciers calve into bays and inlets that sparkle with iridescent icebergs.



Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness



8 DAYS / FROM \$6,232pp 2024-2025 May, Jun., Jul., Aug.

National Geographic Quest, National Geographic Venture

Visit expeditions.com/alaskawilderness for itinerary details, extensions, and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through forests and muskegs, kayak into secluded inlets, and cruise by Zodiac among blue icebergs.
- By special permit, spend a full day cruising Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.
- If schedules permit, our conservation partners from the Alaska Whale Foundation will come aboard to speak about local whale populations.
- 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.
- Extend your expedition in Denali National Park.

PHOTO EXPEDITIONS

Learn from National Geographic photography experts on designated photo expeditions. Join **Gabby Salazar** on May 19, 2024, or **Annie Griffiths** on May 10, 2025.

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

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 harbor seals, harbor 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. (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"-tons of ice crashing into the sea-accompanied by an exhilaratingly thunderous sound. Wildness abounds-mountain goats roam the steep cliffs and brown bears patrol the shore; sea otters and puffins live in the icy waters. (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. Sitka has a strong Russian heritage, which is readily apparent as you visit the onion-domed St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church. At the Raptor Rehabilitation



Center, we enjoy close-up views of bald eagles, owls, and other species normally seen at a distance. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

SPECIAL OFFER

\$500 off children under 18.

Interested in the same experience in a shorter timeframe? See our **Wild Alaska Escapes**, pages 14-15.

EXPLORE MORE

Add an inland exploration of **Denali National Park**. See page 26 for details.



Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell & Misty Fjords



6 DAYS / FROM \$3,960pp 2024-2025 May, Jun., Jul., Aug. National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion

Visit expeditions.com/alaskasouth for itinerary details, extensions, and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail among glacier-carved icebergs into narrow fjords in LeConte Bay or Tracy Arms-Ford Terror Wilderness.
- Encounter iconic Alaskan wildlife, including **humpback whales, bears, bald eagles**, and more.
- Visit a tribal house and a beach famous for native petroglyphs on remote **Wrangell Island**, or take a jet boat up the **Stikine River**.
- Join an optional excursion to the world-class **Anan Creek Bear Observatory** and witness black and brown bears feasting on pacific pink salmon (select departures only, see page 32).
- Explore **Misty Fjords National Monument** and hike the moss-draped cedar and spruce forests of Southeast Alaskan islands.
- Extend your expedition in Denali National Park.

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 22-mile waterway inaccessible to large ships. (B,L,D)

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, cruise narrow waterways where other ships rarely venture. (B,L,D)



DAY 5: BEHM CANAL/MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT Spend the morning cruising the Behm Canal into Misty Fjords National Monument. Join naturalists on the bow to gaze at the near vertical rock face that rises 2,000 to 3,000 feet above sea level. 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 Center to view the priceless collection of 19th-century totem poles. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

BEAR OBSERVATORY EXPERIENCE

On select departures, opt for a day trip to a world class bear viewing site (\$390 per person). See page 32 for details.

EXPLORE MORE

Add an inland exploration of **Denali National Park**. See page 26 for details.

SPECIAL OFFERS

• \$500 off children under 18.

• Save 10% when you combine with Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Inian Islands & Tracy Arm Fjord (pg 15). Plus enjoy an exclusive 5-glacier flightseeing experience.

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



6 DAYS / FROM \$3,960pp 2024-2025 May, Jun., Jul., Aug. National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion

Visit expeditions.com/alaskanorth for itinerary details, extensions, and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Actively explore Alaska's dramatic bays via kayak or Zodiac, keeping an eye out for wildlife.
- Cruise among **an abundance of marine life and bald eagles** in the nutrient-rich waters of the Inian Islands.
- Explore Haines, the "adventure capital of Alaska," via bike and hiking trails, or try fly-fishing.
- Zip around incredible icebergs and **view glaciers in Tracy or Endicott Arm**.
- Extend your expedition in Denali National Park.

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, quite 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 harbor 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)

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EXPLORE MORE

Add an inland exploration of **Denali** National Park. See page 26 for details.

SPECIAL OFFERS

• \$500 off children under 18.

• Save 10% when you combine with Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell & Misty Fjords (pg 14). Plus enjoy an exclusive 5-glacier flightseeing experience.

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 and British Columbia



14 DAYS / FROM \$9,124pp 2024-2025 Apr., May, Sep. National Geographic Venture, National Geographic Quest

Visit expeditions.com/treasures for itinerary details, extensions, and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the San Juan Islands and cruise **remote inlets and bays in search** of wildlife.
- By special permit, spend a full day cruising **Glacier Bay National Park**.
- Visit Alert Bay, one of the oldest First Nations village sites in British Columbia and participate in culture-sharing with the Kwakwaka'wakw people.
- In **Misty Fjords National Monument**, kayak along sheer, glacially carved cliffs and forested backwaters.
- Extend your expedition in Denali National Park.



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 Fiords' forested backwaters. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PETERSBURG

Bike or walk the small, fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Later, walk along 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 tons of ice calving into the sea. (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)

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Add a seven-day pre- or post-voyage inland adventure to explore **Denali National Park**. See page 26 for details.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Join National Geographic Expert Lauren Eckert on Apr. 28, 2024 and National Geographic Expert Antonio Segura on May 6, 2024.

A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia & Haida Gwaii



15 DAYS / FROM \$10,126pp 2024 Apr., May, Sep. / 2025 Apr., Aug., Sep. National Geographic Sea Bird National Geographic Sea Lion

Visit expeditions.com/remarkable for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend four days in Haida Gwaii, where the Haida have granted us special access to their mossy forests and invited us into protected ancestral sites.
- Actively explore where iconic wildlife gathers–whales, bears, eagles, and more.
- By special permit, spend a full day cruising Glacier Bay National Park.
- Explore at water level in Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm for an up-close view of calving glaciers, **towering forests**, and seals afloat on iridescent icebergs.
- Capture your best images with the help of a National Geographic Photography Expert.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERT

Professional wildlife and natural history photographer **Drew Rush** will join a designated photo expedition on the **April 17, 2024** departure.

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

DAY 2: GULF ISLANDS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

ship for embarkation. (D)

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)



DAYS 6-9: HAIDA GWAII

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 Center 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 harbor 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. 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 Center. Transfer to airport for flights home. (B)

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SPECIAL GUEST

Join National Geographic Expert and Director of the Cultural Sanctuaries Foundation, Chris Rainier, on Apr. 17, 2024.



Voyage to the Great Bear Rainforest



8 DAYS / FROM \$5,788pp 2024-2025 Sep. National Geographic Venture

Visit expeditions.com/greatbear for itinerary details and current rates

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take kayaks and Zodiacs deep into verdant fjords and along wildliferich shores, in search of **bears**, golden eagles, pods of orca whales, and more.
- Journey into the most pristine, beautiful forests in the region, inaccessible by road and managed by **First Nations people**.
- Learn the human history of the region from our cultural interpreter and on visits to fascinating First Nations museums.
- Kayak among massive smacks of jellyfish and witness the surprising undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist.

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

DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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



DAY 2: PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Wake up in Prince Rupert, a scenic harbor 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 Gilttoyees Inlet and gliding into rugged valleys of Owyacumish Bayall 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 a quarter of a mile 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/SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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

SPECIAL GUEST

Join National Geographic Expert Lauren Eckert on Sep. 2, 2024 and Sep. 1, 2025.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak, hike, and explore aboard Zodiacs along the wildlife-rich coasts of Desolation Sound and the Gulf Islands.
- Visit Alert Bay, one of the oldest First Nations village sites in British Columbia and participate in culture-sharing with the Kwakwaka'wakw people.
- Explore the **San Juan Islands** and learn about local orca populations from a researcher at the **Center for Whale Research**.
- In lovely Victoria tour private gardens, take a bike ride, and enjoy a private evening event at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.
- Search for marine mammals including **humpbacks**, **Pacific white-sided dolphins**, **sea lions**, and more from the bow of our small ship.

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 familiarize 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)



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 center 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)

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)

DAY 8: SEATTLE, WA/DISEMBARK Disembark *National Geographic Venture* after breakfast and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Certain departures travel in reverse. Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Join Storyteller and National Geographic Expert Erika Larsen on Oct. 13, 2024, or National Geographic Expert Lauren Eckert on Oct. 11, 2025.





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opportunities to spot Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves, and grizzly bears; river-rafting on the Nenana River; pup-cuddling at Husky Homestead—the sled dog training facility of four-time Iditarod winner Jeff King; or an optional flightseeing tour around the iconic mountain. Throughout you'll enjoy Denali's natural and cultural history. The small group size enhances the intimacy of outings and the opportunities for in-depth learning. At the expedition's end you'll arrive in Anchorage with time to explore the Alaska Native Heritage Museum, an excellent interactive cultural destination.



DAY 1: ARRIVE FAIRBANKS

Arrive in Fairbanks and transfer to the Springhill Suites before a welcome dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

DAY 2: FAIRBANKS/CHENA HOT SPRINGS

Begin the day with a private group visit to the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum, featuring collections representing over 11,000 years of cultural tradition, including "Blue Babe", a restored 36,000-year-old bison found in permafrost. In late morning depart for Chena Hot Springs. Visit the Aurora Ice Museum, created from over 1,000 tons of ice and snow, and then soak in the natural hot spring rock lake before returning to Fairbanks. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-5: DENALI NATIONAL PARK/

ALASKA RAILROAD

Witness the grandeur of Alaska aboard the Alaska Railroad, enjoying the first class, GoldStar Service en route to Denali. The glass-domed ceiling cars feature custom-designed interiors highlighted with original Alaska art and a private outdoor viewing deck. Breakfast will be served on board the train.

On arrival, immerse yourself in the wildness and north country mystique of Denali National Park. See Denali's rich wildlife, flora and fauna firsthand and learn about its natural history during the daily activities including a Tundra Wilderness Tour for an opportunity to look for Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves, and grizzly bears; go river rafting on the Nenana River or hold a puppy at Husky Homestead–the sled dog training facility of four-time Iditarod winner Jeff King. Optional flightseeing offers breathtaking aerial views of Alaska and is available at an additional cost. Days wind down with nightly discussions that focus on various aspects of Denali's natural and cultural history, including birds, mammals, wildflowers, tundra ecology, geology, mountaineering, land use and natural resource issues. Sleep in well-appointed, comfortable rooms at the Denali Park Village lodge and enjoy delicious meals featuring fresh baked goods and locally grown produce throughout your stay. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: DENALI NATIONAL PARK/ANCHORAGE

Depart the lodge for our scenic drive to Anchorage. This afternoon visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, an excellent interactive cultural destination. Set on 26 acres, the center has indoor and outdoor features. Indoors you'll find exhibits, storytelling, and demonstrations. Outdoors, tours are offered through recreated villages representing five different native cultures and introducing you to their traditional crafts and lifestyle. Walk away with insight into the unique peoples of Alaska and the important role that subsistence living plays for all of them. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. Overnight at the Hotel Captain Hook. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: DEPART ANCHORAGE/EMBARK

After breakfast, transfer to the Anchorage Airport for your flight to Juneau to join the ship for your expedition in Southeast Alaska. (B)

Call or visit our website for arrival/departure details for our post-voyage extension.

* First-class seating not currently available on all departures.

Disclaimer: Depending on your departure date, you may be responsible for one or two nights on your own before joining the Denali extension.

Please Note: This extension requires a minimum of six (6) travelers to operate.



National Geographic Quest & National Geographic Venture

CAPACITY: 100 guests in 50 outside cabins. REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 238 feet.

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 center; 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, snorkeling gear and wet suits 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



SEE MORE ONLINE: Learn more about National Geographic Quest at expeditions.com/quest and National Geographic Venture at expeditions.com/venture



National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins. REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

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, snorkeling gear and wet suits 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: Dinner is served in single seatings with unassigned tables for easy mingling; enjoy 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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Anan Creek Bear Observatory Experience

Visit a world class bear viewing site on Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell and the Misty Fjords (page 12). Observe black and brown bears from an observation deck or at creek level as they gather to feed on the largest pacific pink salmon return in Southeast Alaska. See other wildlife living off this bounty and learn the rich history of the region.

Available on select departures only as an alternate to activities in Wrangell, Alaska. Cost: \$390 per person.

Ask your expedition specialist for details.

ONGOING PROMOTIONS

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Bringing the Kids: We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

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