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A Remarkable Journey to Alaska, British Columbia, and Haida Gwaii

By special invitation, visit the remote, moss-draped archipelago of Haida Gwaii—the ancestral territory of the Haida Nation. Sail the Inside Passage of Alaska and British Columbia, rich with marine life, including whales and dolphins. Spend a full day among the towering glaciers and expansive wilderness of Glacier Bay National Park. Walk in silent old-growth forests, kayak in secluded coves, and search for foraging bears and soaring eagles in mist-shrouded fjords.

From
$ 10,542 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES
Apr, May, Aug and Sep

DURATION
15 Days

SHIPS
National Geographic Sea Bird
National Geographic Sea Lion

STARTS AT
Vancouver, British Columbia

→

ENDS AT
Sitka, Alaska

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

To reserve your spot on this special experience
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Highlights

- With very special access, spend four days in Haida Gwaii, a UNESCO World Heritage site, learning from Haida interpreters about their living culture and exploring these remote islands
- Sail deep into fjords and cruise rugged coastlines in search of humpback whales, dolphins, bears, and more
- Explore by Zodiac in Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm for an up-close view of calving glaciers, towering forests, and seals afloat on iridescent icebergs
- Kayak or stand-up paddleboard near cascading waterfalls and hike in soaring old-growth forests

Glacier Bay N.P.
Inian Islands
Tracy Arm
Endicott Arm
Frederick Sound
Sitka
Tongass
National Forest
Petersburg
Misty Fjords
Old Massett
Skidegate
Sgang Gwaay
Alert Bay
Vancouver
Gulf Islands
Seattle
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Day by day

DAY 1

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada / Embark Ship

Arrival Time: Arrive by 2:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Vancouver

Arrive in Vancouver, Canada, British Columbia's largest city and the major port for all of western Canada. Embark the *National Geographic Sea Bird* or *National Geographic Sea Lion* in the early evening and set out on your expedition.

Meals included: dinner

DAY 2

Gulf Islands, British Columbia

Cruise amid the lush Gulf Islands that dot the Strait of Georgia, situated between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. These waters are a nature lover's paradise. Keep an eye out for harbor seals and an array of seabirds, shorebirds, and birds of prey.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3

Johnstone Strait and Alert Bay, British Columbia

Sail through scenic Johnstone Strait, offering stunning views and extraordinary marine mammals and bird-watching opportunities. Today we visit one of the oldest First Nations village sites in British Columbia: Alert Bay, home of the Kwakwaka'wakw people. Visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre, which houses one of the Northwest Coast's finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia, and coppers. Then stop to visit the Big House a short distance away where the T'sasala Cultural Group continues the sharing of culture, "educating the world about their songs, dances, teachings, and values."

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS 4-5

Inside Passage of British Columbia

Sail northward along steep and rugged coastline looking for whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak among the many bays and inlets.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS 6-9

Haida Gwaii

With very special permission, we explore the islands of Haida Gwaii, including the incredible Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. We are joined by a Haida interpreter for our days among the islands, wildlife, and cultural sites. In the Haida ancestral town of Old Massett, we are invited into the home of a local carver for a feast of traditional food and dance. Meet Haida artists and see their workshops. Visit the Haida Heritage Centre at Kay Llnagaay to learn about the incredible history of the Haida people and their renowned artwork, a spiritual endeavor. See the ancient totems at SGang Gwaay in the village of Ninstints, and kayak and take Zodiacs around the incredibly biodiverse islands in Gwaii Haanas.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS 10-12

Alaska's Inside Passage

With special permission from the U.S. Forest Service, explore the forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument and the Tongass National

Forest by kayak or Zodiac. Go ashore to visit the charming fishing village of Petersburg, and explore the surrounding area on a forest walk or enjoy an opportunity to stretch your legs with an optional bike ride around town. Cruise and kayak past the glacially carved cliffs of Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm–both spectacular fjords that are home to orcas and harbor seals. See the soaring Dawes Glacier or South Sawyer Glacier up close, and take a Zodiac cruise for unparalleled views of sculpted iridescent icebergs.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ 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, experience the active wildlife of the Inian Islands by Zodiac, or hike and kayak Chichagof Island. Later cruise through Icy Strait in search of marine mammals, perhaps lowering the hydrophone to listen for whale communications. Enjoy a farewell dinner on our final night.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 15

Sitka / Disembark Ship

Arrive in the picturesque city of Sitka on Baranof Island and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Meals included: breakfast

Northbound
Vancouver, British Columbia → Sitka, Alaska

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

02 May				

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

17 Apr				

2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

29 Apr				

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

15 Apr				

Alternative Routes
Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2023 Departure Dates

03 Sep, 05 Sep

2024 Departure Dates

03 Sep, 11 Sep

2025 Departure Dates

31 Aug, 09 Sep

National Geographic Sea Bird

Guests	Cabins
62	31

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Cabin Categories

Category 1

Main Deck: #300-305

Conveniently located between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single beds, and a large window. All cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.

Category 2

Bridge Deck: #101-104

Upper Deck: #200-212, 215

These well-located cabins include two single beds and a window. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside. Cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, closet, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.

Category 3

Upper Deck: #214, 216, 217, 219

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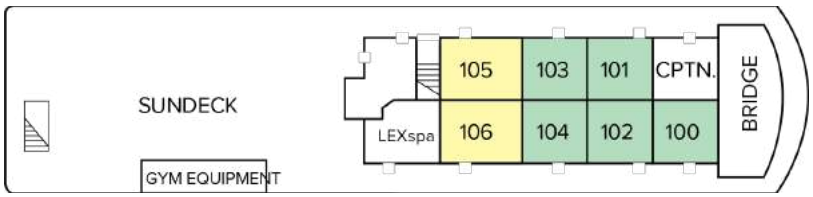

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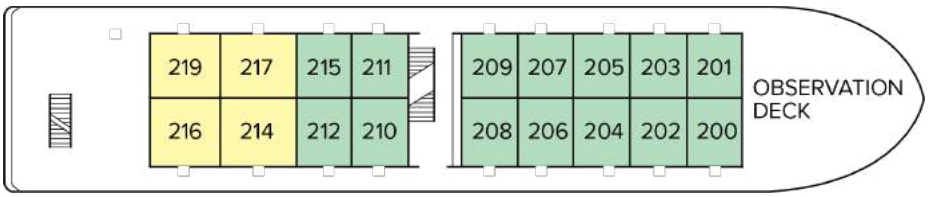

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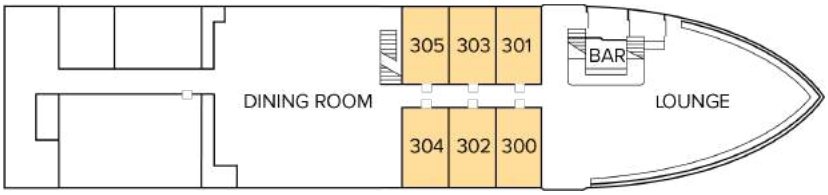

Ship amenities

Public Areas

A library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables. Our "open bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

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

All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with WiFi, multiple electrical and USB outlets. 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 is available in each cabin.

Expedition Equipment

A fleet of 6 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).

Special Features

Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and video chronicler.

Wellness

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

Self-Disinfecting Ships

ACT Clean Coat™ 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.

Noteworthy Feature: The generous scale of the bow, enabling the entire expedition community to congregate with our naturalists, photo instructors, and experts from the Alaska Whale Foundation or the National Park Service, and share the excitement of watching whales or dramatic glacier calving events.

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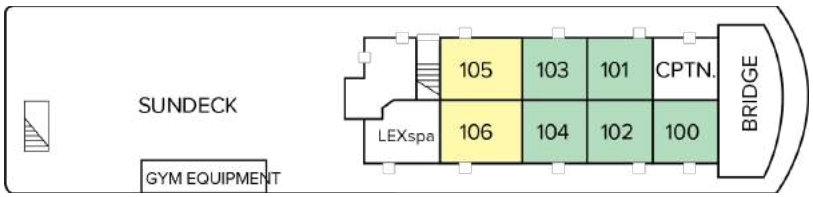

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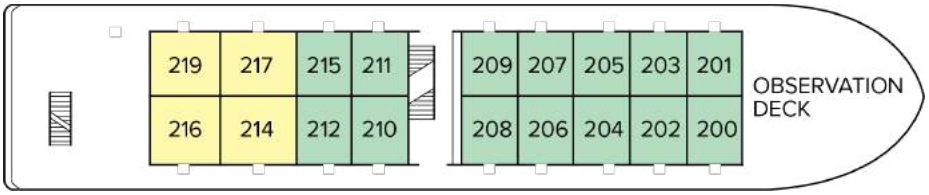

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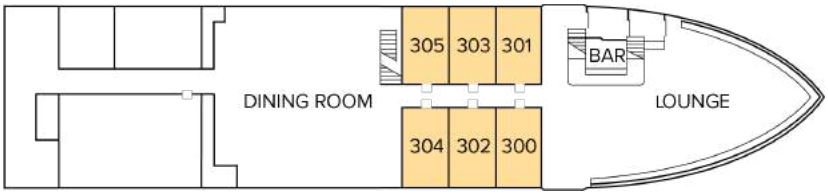

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Special Offers

2025: BRING A FRIEND

Book and deposit by Dec. 1, 2023. Save 5% when you book two or more cabins on the same departure for departures Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies when you book 8 or more guests. Call for details.

2025: BOOK 2 OR MORE VOYAGES AND SAVE 10%

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BOOK EARLY TO LOCK IN YOUR 2025 RATE

Book and deposit by Dec. 1, 2023. Valid for new bookings only on departures between Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2025, subject to availability, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

BEER & WINE INCLUDED

Beer and wine is included in your fare on all 2023 departures aboard *National Geographic Venture, National Geographic Quest, National Geographic Sea Bird,* and *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Call for details.

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.

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. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more adults over age 18. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

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. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

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.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer and wine on all 2023 departures (starting in 2024, spirits and cocktails are also included, with super premium wines and liquors 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; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; 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, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

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/

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