

Galápagos & South America
1° 8' N 83° 34' W

Wild Galápagos Escape (7-Day)

Departs Tuesdays year round. Explore Darwin’s islands in one action-filled week aboard our new *National Geographic Islander II*. Witness the iconic wildlife that sparked the theory of evolution by natural selection, snorkel pristine waters teeming with sea lions and sea turtles, and hike black-sand beaches and lush highlands. As with our classic, 10-day expeditions, honed over more than 50 years, each voyage is crafted to offer a diverse perspective of the archipelago with multiple adventures daily on land and undersea.

From
\$ 6,864 / per person
Does not include flights

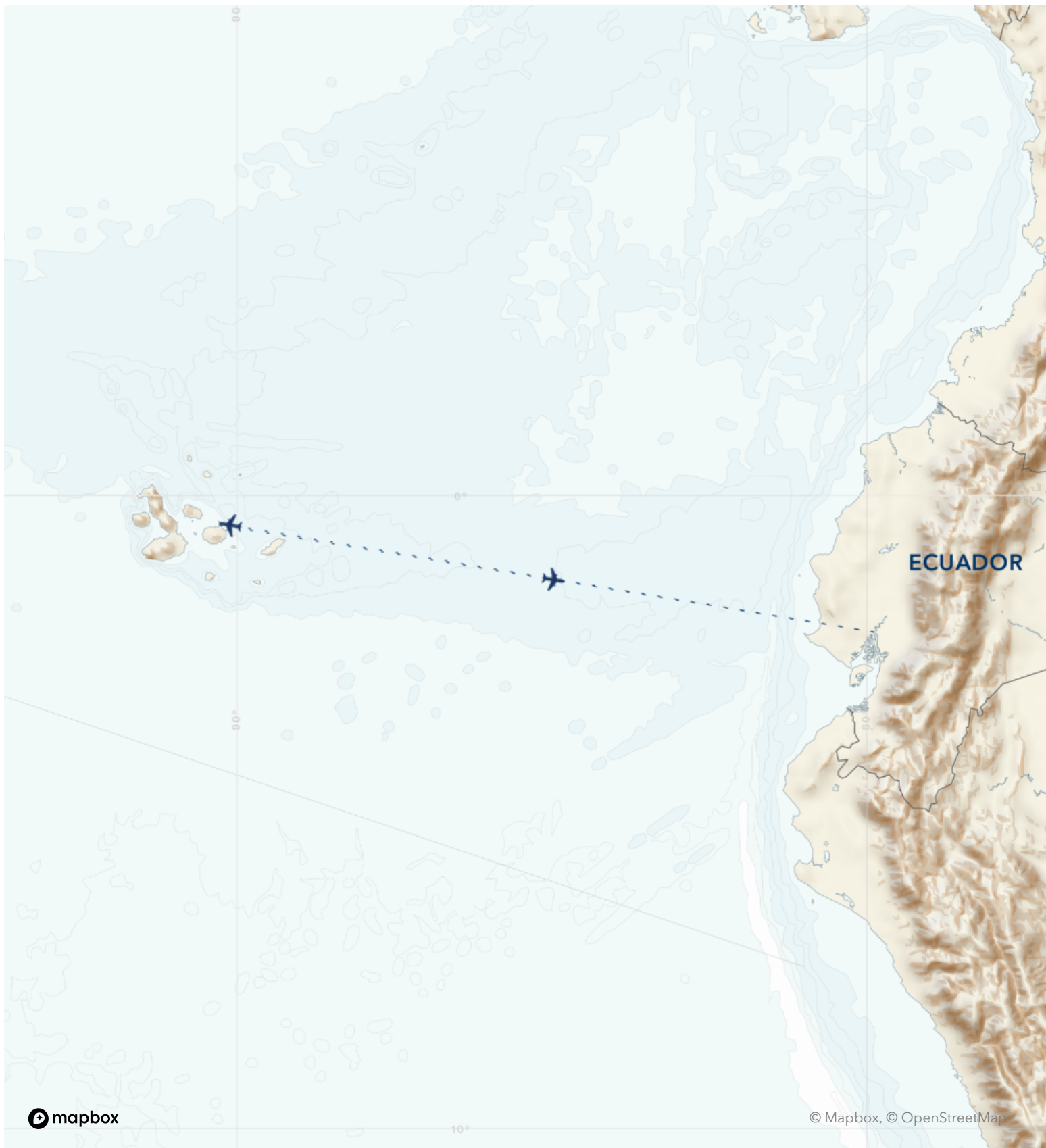
	DATES Year round		DURATION 7 Days
	SHIPS <i>National Geographic Islander II</i>		
	STARTS AT Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador	→	 ENDS AT Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

NOTE: This expedition is 7 days long, departing on Tuesdays. It is also available as an 8-day expedition, departing Thursdays and Saturdays. [More details](#) .

Highlights

- ★ Experience all the Galapagos has to offer in one week with departures on Tuesday
- ★ Snorkel and kayak among colorful fish, sea turtles, penguins, and playful sea lions, and walk among colonies of wildlife and seabirds unfazed by your presence
- ★ Maximize your time in the islands with options for exploration every day including hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, and more
- ★ Add a three-night post-expedition extension in Quito, Ecuador





Day by day

DAY 1

Guayaquil or Quito, Ecuador

We meet you on arrival in Ecuador, either in Quito, Ecuador's capital city in the Andes, or in the coastal city of Guayaquil, for an included transfer to your convenient hotel for an overnight stay. Both cities are well-served by international carriers, and Galapagos flights start and end in Quito with a stop in Guayaquil. Guests in Guayaquil stay at the Hotel del Parque, a 44-room Relais & Châteaux hotel set along the river in lush tropical gardens. And in Quito guests have the choice of several hotels including a convenient airport hotel. You may opt to reserve [additional hotel nights](#) and tours in Quito or Guayaquil.

Arrival Time: Anytime.

Arrival City: Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

◇ DAY 2

Quito or Guayaquil / Galápagos Islands / Embark Ship

Fly to Baltra in the center of Galápagos, a little world unto itself in the Tropical Pacific. We are welcomed by our naturalist staff and start exploring the islands.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-5

Galápagos Islands

Listed below is a sample of islands we may visit during our expedition. Our expeditions begin and end at Isla Santa Cruz and include a careful selection of diverse islands. No two days are alike. Each of our itineraries offers an optimal balance of wildlife, landscapes, and experiences. All ship itineraries are subject to Galápagos National Park regulations.

Santa Fe: Snorkel and kayak in the secluded cove at Barrington Bay. On shore, a trail leads us through the largest cactus trees in Galápagos. The Santa Fe land iguana is found only on this island, where Galápagos hawks are also thriving once again.

Plaza Sur: Sea lions greet us at South Plaza, an uplifted block carpeted in salt-loving succulents and teeming with wildlife, including a noisy group of bachelor sea lions and a population of land iguanas.

Santiago: Hike over the smooth pahoehoe lava and admire spatter cones, little miniature hornitos, and the wild riot of black lava at Sullivan Bay, the result of an eruption recorded by passing buccaneers in 1897. Snorkel and explore by kayak and Zodiac the crystalline water surrounding Sombrero Chino. Keep a keen eye for the Galápagos penguin, sometimes spotted along the coast.

Genovesa: Sail north across the Equator to the remote northern realm of the Galápagos, bathed in warmer tropical waters and home to the red-footed boobies, Nazca boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, great frigate birds and other nesting seabirds. Paddle and kayak along the cliffs of this flooded caldera, where Galápagos fur seals and sea lions haul out to rest.

Santa Cruz: Journey to the lush, green highlands, where we see giant Galápagos tortoises roaming wild at a local ranch. Continue to Baltra for a flight back to the mainland.

Meals included: lunch, breakfast, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Galápagos Islands / Disembark Ship / Guayaquil or Quito

Disembark this morning for a return flight to the mainland, where we transfer to Hotel del Parque in Guayaquil. In Quito there are [several hotel options](#).

The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. You may be able to take advantage of overnight flights home. Ask your expedition specialist about joining a culturally rich post-voyage extension to [Quito and Otavalo](#) , a celebrated market town.

Meals included: breakfast

■ DAY 7

Guayaquil

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board flights home, unless you have arranged for additional nights or an extension.

Departure Time: Anytime on day 7, or after 7:00 p.m. local time on day 6.

Departure City: Quito or Guayaquil

Expedition

Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador → Quito or Guayaquil, Ecuador

06 Jan	20 Jan		
03 Feb	17 Feb		
03 Mar	17 Mar	31 Mar	

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

30 Apr		
14 May	28 May	
11 Jun	25 Jun	
09 Jul	23 Jul	
06 Aug	20 Aug	
03 Sep	17 Sep	
01 Oct	15 Oct	29 Oct
12 Nov	26 Nov	
10 Dec		

2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*

07 Jan	21 Jan	
04 Feb	18 Feb	
04 Mar	18 Mar	
01 Apr	15 Apr	29 Apr
13 May	27 May	
10 Jun	24 Jun	
08 Jul	22 Jul	
05 Aug	19 Aug	
30 Sep		
14 Oct		
11 Nov	25 Nov	
09 Dec		

2026 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Islander II*



National Geographic Islander II

Guests

48

Suites

26

A New Ship with Just 26 Spacious Staterooms and Suites Sailing the Galápagos Islands

Lindblad Expeditions is thrilled to welcome the National Geographic Islander II to our fleet. Sleek and elegant, she will sail year-round in the Galápagos Islands and elevate the guest experience to an entirely new level.

National Geographic Islander II is a gracious expedition vessel that feels like a private yacht. With only 26 staterooms and suites, and accommodating just 48 guests, she sails with a 1:1 guest-to-crew ratio.

Special features include teak decks, indoor-outdoor dining options, an impressive observation deck, and new amenities like a climate-controlled Marina and a dedicated Science Hub.

National Geographic *Islander II* provides an authentic sense of place, drawing on our decades of partnering with local communities and conservation groups. Contributing to the fully immersive Ecuadorian experience on board are Ecuadorian staff and locally sourced and sustainable farm-to-table and ocean-to-table culinary ingredients, as well as artisan spa elements and handcrafted textiles, art, and décor all regionally created.

An authentic, immersive experience in the Galàpagos

The *National Geographic Islander II* celebrates Lindblad's deep connection to the islands, Ecuador, and its people with a deeply immersive and truly unique Ecuadorian cultural experience. The carefully considered food and beverage program highlights the four regions of Ecuador with locally sourced farm-to-table ingredients. Regional ingredients can even be found in spa products. From Ecuadorian shipboard staff to artwork, textiles, and décor created by local artists and artisans and Ecuadorean music heard throughout the ship, guests will experience the beauty and wonder of Ecuador both on and off the ship.



Cabin Categories Bridge Deck

Category SU

Guest Suite: #301, 302, 306, 308, 310, 311, 312, 316

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower. #301, 302, 306, 308, 310-312, 316. #312 & #316 are triple occupancy with sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate. Connecting Suites: #301/303, 302/306



Category SO

Solo Suite: #315, 318.

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower; dedicated solo but otherwise identical to SU category.



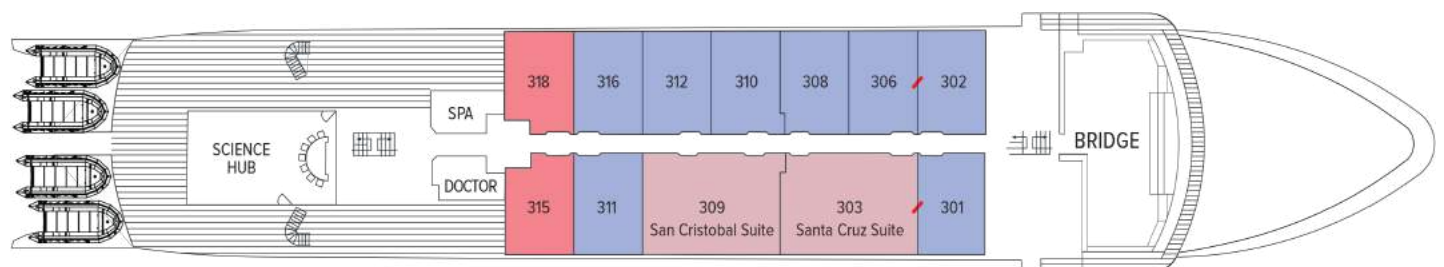
Category IS

Islander Suite: #303, 309

515 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, separate living areas with sofa, table and chairs, two lounge chairs, larger bathroom with both rain shower and tub. Triple occupancy with sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate. Connecting Suites: #301/303, 302/306



Bridge Deck



Cabin Categories Main Deck

Category IS

Islander Suite: #209, 218

515 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, separate living areas with sofa, table and chairs, two lounge chairs, larger bathroom with both rain shower and tub. Triple occupancy with sofa made up as third bed. Third person rates are one-half the double occupancy rate.



Category SU

Guest Suite: #205/207

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower. #203, 205-208, 210-212, 215, 220. Connecting Suites:



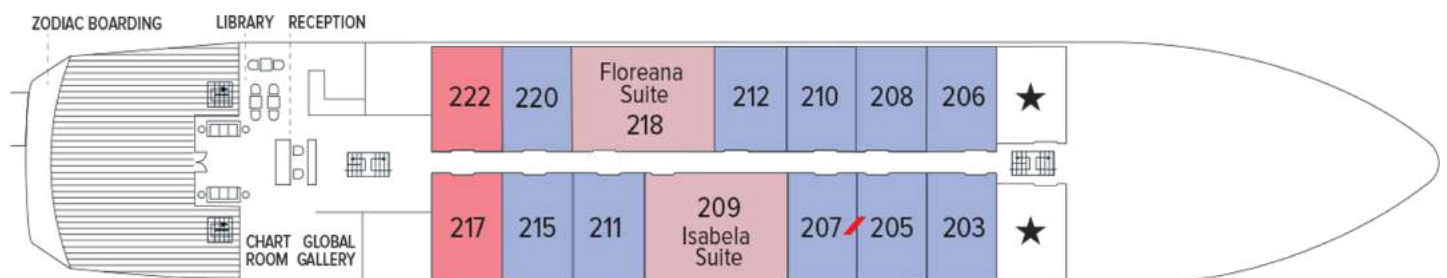
Category SO

Solo Suite: #217, 222

280 sq. ft. with two panoramic windows, twin/king convertible beds, seating area with sofa, lounge chair, and marble double-sink bathrooms with rain shower; dedicated solo but otherwise identical to SU category.

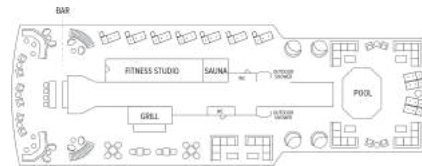


Main Deck

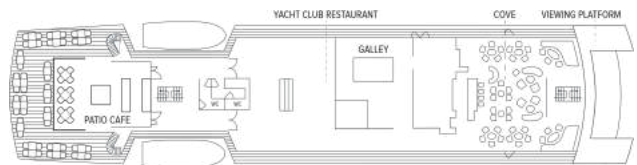


Deck Plans

Observation Deck

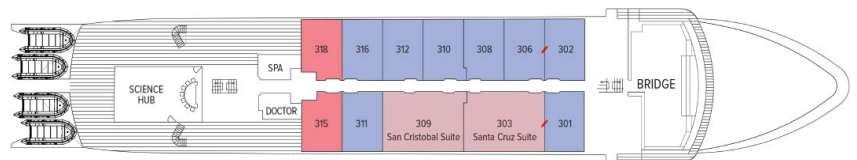


Promenade Deck



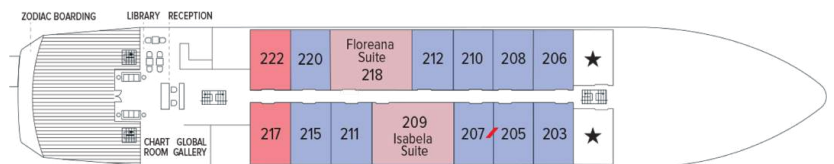
Bridge Deck

- Category SU
- Category SO
- Category IS



Main Deck

- Category IS
- Category SU
- Category SO



Marina Deck



Ship amenities

Indoor-Outdoor Dining

Enjoy meals in the expanded al fresco Patio Café, sophisticated Yacht Club Restaurant on the Promenade Deck, or Grill on the Observation Deck, where there's also a bar and ample seating to host events. Here, guests gather for wine tastings, chocolate tastings, and Bubble-Qs—BBQs made extra celebratory with Champagne. The convenient 24-hour beverage and snack stations in the Bar and Library are other welcome amenities.



Science Hub

Outfitted with scientific equipment, the exciting new Science Hub continues the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic legacy of supporting conservation and research. Equipped for underway oceanography, interactive video presentations, and an enhanced photo experience, the Science Hub is also a place for young guests in the [National Geographic Global Explorers Program](#) to experience hands-on learning.

Public Spaces

The ship's public spaces enhance the connection to the islands. Guests will find an open Bridge, surrounding teak decks, and a forward-viewing area. Two dining areas accommodate all guests in a single seating. The Cove, which has a bar, is the setting for daily Recaps. Other ship features include a Reception area with glass doors that lead to an open teak Viewing Deck, a Plunge Pool, a Chart Room, the Global Gallery, Library, Marina, Swim Platform, and Zodiac boarding area.



Expedition Tools

National Geographic Islander II carries a fleet of kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, a glass-bottom boat, an expanded flotilla of versatile Zodiacs, complete snorkel gear for adults and children, video microscope, and Science Hub.

The newly refitted teak-appointed marina is spacious and climate-controlled, designed for guests to comfortably get in and out of expedition gear.



Expanded Expedition Staff

The Expedition Team, led by a veteran Expedition Leader, includes a five Naturalists, Undersea Specialist, Certified Photo Instructor, and Certified Field Educators who run our exclusive [National Geographic Global Explorers Program](#) for kids and teens.

Special Offers

ROUND-TRIP GALÁPAGOS AIR INCLUDED UP TO \$1,400

Book between April 18 and May 9, 2024. Airfare included up to a ticket value of \$1,400 per person when booking a select departure of National Geographic Islander II or National Geographic Endeavour II on select Galápagos Expeditions. To qualify for the offer, a non-refundable deposit in the amount of 25% (twenty five percent) of your booking is due at the time of booking. Standard cancellation terms will not apply. Air Included Air Offer must be communicated at time of booking by quoting "AIR INCLUDED". To qualify for the offer, airfare must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. In the case that airfare at the time of booking is higher than \$1,400 per person, guest will be required to pay any amount in excess of \$1,400 per person. Includes internal flights between mainland Ecuador, Galápagos, and Peru (depending on itinerary). Offer is valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is applicable on extensions. Baggage fees may incur additional costs and seat assignments may not be guaranteed. Call for details.

COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS

We include arrival and departure airport transfers for all guests in Ecuador and Peru, whether by group, hotel shuttle, or private transfer (please share your flight information two weeks before your departure). In addition, we provide transfers for guests who are booked on ticketed internal flights from Guayaquil, Quito, or Lima to and from the Galapagos, Cusco or Iquitos.

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. 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.

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 people. 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.

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, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super 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, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins); guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; one hour of Wi-Fi per person per day aboard ship; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician; 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, 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/>

Cancellation policy

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