





# Southern Patagonia: Glaciers, Fjords, and Wildlife

Sculpted over millennia of advancing and retreating glaciers deep in the wilds of Patagonia, the Chilean fjords are a mesmerizing network of soaring snow-capped peaks and deep valleys home to extraordinary wildlife—thousands of Magellanic penguins, along with sea lions, elephant seals, dolphins, and more, make their home here. Boasting UNESCO-listed biospheres and accessing private reserves, this immersive journey explores Torres del Paine, Glacier Alley, Cape Horn, and Isla de los Estados by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot.

From

\$26,235 / per person Does not include flights



DATES

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**DURATION** 17 Days



**SHIPS** 

National Geographic Resolution



**STARTS AT** 

Ushuaia, Argentina



**ENDS AT** 

Ushuaia, Argentina

ROUTING REMINDER: National Geographic Resolution departures route roundtrip via Santiago; National Geographic Explorer and National Geographic Endurance route roundtrip via Buenos Aires. Please confirm the route of your departure at the time of booking with an Expedition Specialist of the Lindblad Air Department before making flight arrangements.





# Highlights

- ★ Traverse UNESCO-listed Glacier Alley, home to the stunning Garibaldi Glacier and rich with wildlife, brash ice, and bergy bits
- ★ Explore Francisco Coloane Marine Park by Zodiac to see humpback whales, dolphins, sea lions, and Magellanic penguins on Rupert Isle
- ★ Delve into the wonders of Torres del Paine, A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve where extraordinary wilderness and wildlife reigns supreme
- ★ By special permission, explore Tierra del Fuego's Karukinka Natural Park, a private reserve that harbors culpeo foxes, guanacos, albatross, Andean condors, elephant seals, and more











# Day by day

#### DAYS 1-2

## U.S. / Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires after an overnight flight and check into the Alvear Icon Hotel (or similar). In the afternoon, set out on a guided tour of the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and parks. Visit Recoleta—the final resting place of Argentina's iconic first lady, Eva Perón—and enjoy a private visit to El Zanjon de Granados, one of the city's premier museums. This evening, join your fellow travelers at the hotel for a welcome drink and pre-embarkation briefing.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 11:30 a.m. local time.

Arrival City: Buenos Aires, Argentina

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# Fly to Ushuaia / Embark Ship

Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Before embarking, relax and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel, a region of beech forests, mountains, and rushing rivers.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### DAYS 4-5

# **Exploring the Chilean Fjords: Glacier Alley**

Sail into a vast wilderness of snow-capped peaks and mirror-like lakes, thick glaciers, and islets blanketed with vegetation. In this pristine landscape, myriad fjords or *senos* cut between soaring granite walls and waterfalls splash down from high above. The region we explore for the next two days is known as Glacier Alley. The entire area is part of a greater UNESCO Biosphere Reserve focusing on the Magallanes Sub-Antarctic Evergreen Rainforest. The

incredible biodiversity here arose with the retreat of the glaciers which formed these fjords. We begin at Seno Pia, a secluded fjord in the northwestern arm of the Beagle Channel with an impressively large glacier at its terminus. Next is Seno Garibaldi, part of Alberto de Agostini National Park, a dramatic region where the formidable Andes meet the sea. We will visit the Garibaldi Glacier by Zodiac and ship, marveling at this stunning wall of ice. Seno Agostini is the origin of numerous glaciers from the nearby mountains, originating at more than 6,600 feet in elevation. We will explore this region from our Zodiacs, getting close to floating brash ice and bergy bits, watching for wildlife, and hoping to witness the thundering process of glacial calving.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ♦ DAY 6

### Francisco Coloane Marine Park

Located in the Strait of Magellan, Francisco Coloane Marine Park is the largest marine protected area along the Chilean coast, and it was also the first, established in 2003. This productive area supports vast and unique biological diversity, which will be the focus of our visit. A large summer population of humpback whales uses these waters as feeding grounds, as do South American sea lions. Black and white Peale's dolphins are frequently seen, and we'll search for the endemic and endangered Chilean dolphin. Exploring the marine park by Zodiac, kayak, and on foot, we'll search for large marine and terrestrial birds including the Andean condor or the giant Antarctic petrel. On Rupert Islet we'll visit a large Magellanic penguin colony.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

♦ DAYS 7-8



## **Puerto Natales and Torres del Paine**

Our next two days will be spent exploring the region around Puerto Natales and Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. We will drive to the park, and you'll have the option to trek on foot or explore part of the park by vehicle. The landscape is big, wide, and sprawling, with some of the most dramatic mountain scenery anywhere and wildlife that includes rheas, foxes, and herds of guanaco. Discover one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the Americas, covering 450,000 acres of glaciers, forests and grasslands, rivers and gem-colored lagoons, crowned with the pinnacles of Torres del Paine. We will also spend time closer to Puerto Natales itself and learn more about the culture and history of the indigenous people of the region. Enjoy alternate opportunities for birding for Andean condors or hiking the beautiful terrain of the region.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ♦ DAYS 9-10

# **Exploring the Chilean Fjords: Kirke Narrows**

After a last morning in Puerto Natales, we have two days to continue our exploration of the Chilean fjords. Our Captain and local pilots guide us through Kirke Narrows, accessible only to a small expedition ship such as our privately-chartered catamaran. While the wildlife of the region leaves many speechless, the combination of unspoiled scenery, national parks and lush Magellanic forests is what makes the fjords of Chile so captivating. We continue to explore the extensive maze of pristine channels and islands, where we may explore by Zodiac and kayak or take a walk in the surrounding forest.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## Punta Arenas and Isla Magdalena

This morning we arrive in Punta Arenas, the largest city in Patagonia. With local guides, we will visit the historic center of the city, the Plaza de Armas, and a local handicraft market. Visit the Patagonia Institute and the Salesian Museum to learn the region's archaeology and wildlife. Alternatively, go for a hike in the Magallanes National Reserve, which offers outstanding views of the valley below and of Punta Arenas. Later, be on deck as National Geographic Endurance navigates the Strait of Magellan en route to Isla Magdalena. The island has been designated a national nature reserve because of its importance as a penguin breeding site. Go ashore at the Penguins National Nature Reserve and witness Magellanic penguins in one of the most accessible Magellanic penguin rookeries in the world. Photo opportunities abound here.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## ♦ DAYS 12-13

## Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka Natural Park and Bahia Ainsworth

Continue to the newest and largest protected area on Tierra del Fuego: Karukinka, meaning "our land" in the language of the ancient inhabitants. We have obtained permission to visit this private reserve which harbors abundant wildlife, including endangered culpeo foxes, guanacos, black-browed albatross, Andean condors, and elephant seals. On our last day in the Chilean fjords we set out to explore in Zodiacs and kayaks, and on foot. Visit Bahía Ainsworth at the base of Marinelli Glacier to explore the sub-polar Magellan Forest. Keep an eye out for southern elephant seals along the beach.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ♦ DAYS 14-17

# Cape Horn and Isla de los Estados (Staten Island), Argentina

**DAY 11** 



On the first of these days we visit Cape Horn, the southernmost tip of the South American continent. Conditions permitting, make a landing to look out at the waters of the Drake Passage. By special permission, we continue to Isla de los Estados, where wild, untouched landscapes are home to Magellanic penguins, fur seals, otters, sea lions, and countless water birds. Our exact schedule will remain flexible to take best advantage of conditions for exploring this natural wonderland. See a reconstruction of the 1884 San Juan de Salvamento "lighthouse at the end of the world," which inspired Jules Verne's novel of the same name. The National Geographic Endurance is one of the few expedition ships to be granted access here, and the experience is bound to be unforgettable.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAYS 18-19

# Ushuaia / Buenos Aires / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Ushuaia and take a charter flight to Buenos Aires to connect with your overnight flight home. Breakfast and lunch are included on Day 18.

**Departure Time:** Depart after 9:00 p.m. local time.

**Departure City:** Buenos Aires, Argentina





## **Expedition**

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## **2026 Departure Dates**

Aboard National Geographic Resolution

25 Feb



# **National Geographic Resolution**

Guests Cabins 138 76

# The sister ship to *National Geographic Endurance*, she explores polar & temperate regions

Our second new polar build, *National Geographic Resolution*, is named to honor the second voyage of the legendary Captain James Cook.

A fully-stabilized vessel of the highest ice class (PC5 Category A), she will enableadventurous guests to go where few have or can. *Resolution's* most striking exterior feature is her distinctive profile, the patented X-Bow®, a gamechanging design that guarantees the smoothest, most comfortable ride in all kinds of conditions; and since it eliminates bow impact, a quieter ride, as well.

An equally impressive feature may well be her capacity: she carries just 138 guests, a commitment to expedition excellence over scale. Scandinavian-inflected, luxuriously appointed, her inviting interiors would be a destination in themselves. Because she is a Lindblad expedition ship, however, her attention is focused on the world outside— with acres of window glass to keep you connected to the stunning views beyond the pane, and a fleet of expedition tools to get you out exploring.

National Geographic Endurance and National Geographic Resolution are next-generation expedition ships. Purpose-built for polar navigation. Fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessels, they are designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. The patented X-bow ® is key to their design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride even in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck for superior observation. They carry a full suite of expedition tools, and offer a variety of experience enhancing amenities.









# Category 1

Fore Deck: #406, 408, 411, 413, 415

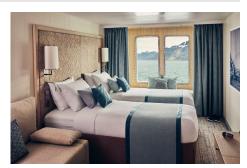
Fore Deck, with two large windows, two singles that can convert to a queen, armchair, writing desk and chair, two bedside tables, window sofa, and a closet.



## Category 2

Fore Deck: #410, 412, 414, 416-419, 421-427

Fore Deck, with two large windows, two single beds that can convert to a queen, window sofa, 2 seat sofa, coffee table, armchair, writing desk with an office chair, two bedside tables, and a closet.



# **Category 3**

Main Deck: #512-524

Suite with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; two single beds that convert to a queen, convertible sleeper sofa, writing desk with a chair, two bedside tables, and a closet.



# Category 4

Lounge Deck: #608, 610, 612, 613-623

Suite with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; two single beds that convert to a queen, convertible sleeper sofa, writing desk with a chair, two bedside tables, and a closet.



# Category 5

Bridge Deck: #700-707, 712, 713, 715, 717

Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; two single beds that convert to a queen; convertible sleeper sofa; coffee table; writing desk with chair; two bedside tables; and a closet.



# Category 6

**Bridge Deck:** #714

Junior suite with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and table; two single beds that convert to a queen; pull-out sofa; writing desk with chair; two bedside tables; coffee table; espresso maker; and a closet. Guests receive a welcome amenity, complimentary laundry, priority access to one igloo reservation, and one spa appointment per departure.



## Category 7

Bridge Deck: #708-711, 716, 718, 719, 721

These large balcony suites feature two balcony chairs, hammock, and table; two single beds that can convert to a queen; pull-out sofa; coffee table; writing desk and chair; espresso maker; hammock; and a large walk-in closet with full length mirror. Expanded bathroom has a double vanity, bathtub, towel warmer, and rain shower. Guests receive a welcome amenity, complimentary laundry, priority access to one igloo reservation, and one spa appointment per departure.



# **Category A Solo**

Main Deck: #504-510, 513

Suite with balcony that features two balcony chairs and a table; single bed, writing desk with an office chair, bedside table, and a closet.



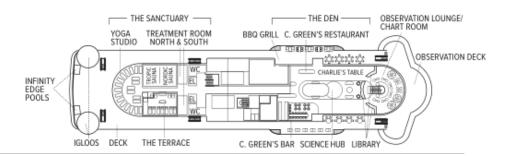
# **Category B Solo**

Lounge Deck: #604-607, 609, 611

Suite with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; single bed, bedside table, writing desk with chair, hammock, and a closet.

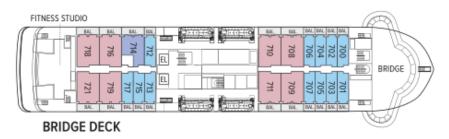


## **Observation Deck**



# **Bridge Deck**

- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 7



## **Lounge Deck**

- Category 4
- Category B Solo



## Main Deck

- Category 3
- Category 2 Solo

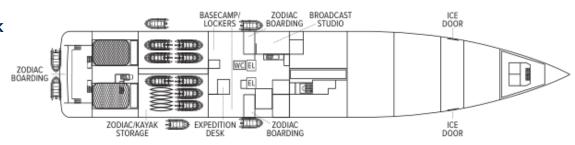


## **Fore Deck**

- Category 1
- Category 2



# **Expedition Deck**



# Ship amenities

## **Public Areas**

Reception; three dining areas; an observation lounge with bar, gym, wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs with adjacent igloos; library; main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage station, state-of-theart tech for films/presentations; B&H Photo locker and a photo workshop area; science hub; an onboard broadcast studio; an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear; and open access to the Bridge, Captain, officers and on-duty wildlife spotters.

## Meals

Restaurant 270° features wrap-around views; two other dining areas offer lighter, made-to-order fare or intimate, small group dinners. All feature sustainable choices, local where possible, and unassigned, flexible, inclusive seating.

## **Cabins**

All cabins face outside with large windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with iPad tablets, multiple electrical and USB outlets, TVs, with on demand entertainment, phone, Wi-Fi, clock, barometers, hygrometers, vanity mirror, mini refrigerator, small safe, ice bucket, glasses, hair dryer, reading lights and National Geographic Atlas. Luxury linens and pillows. Bathrooms outfitted with Rain showers & hand held shower, botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and lotion. Complimentary insulated water bottles. Balcony cabins have hammocks, chairs and table.

# **Expedition Equipment**

Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snowshoes, crosscountry skis, an ROV and underwater video camera for unique access to the polar undersea, hydrophone, aerial remote-controlled camera and video microscope.

## **Special Features**

A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry. A forward and aft staircase, and elevators, reach all decks. Echoing the pioneering installation aboard *National Geographic Endurance*, artist Zaria Forman has curated a new exhibit, featuring a wide range of artists.



## Wellness

A glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high and low-heat saunas with ocean views, staffed by wellness specialists.

# **Self-Disinfecting Ships**

ACT Clean Coat<sup>™</sup> 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.



# **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. 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; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs and kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the National Geographic Photography Expert and 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); 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/

## **Cancellation policy**

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