



Atlantic Isles  
16° 32' N 23° 2' W

## Islands of the Atlantic Ridge: Brazil to the Azores

The vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean is dotted with remarkable islands revered for their incredible beauty and fascinating wildlife, from little-known gems, including the equatorial St. Peter and Paul Rocks, to legendary isles Cape Verde, the Canaries, and Madeira. A crossing from Brazil to the Azores spotlights the treasures of each, balanced with seven indulgent days at sea... perfect for rejuvenating mind, body, and spirit.

From  
**\$ 29,390** / per person  
Does not include flights



### DATES

Apr



### DURATION

24 Days



### SHIPS

*National Geographic Endurance*



### STARTS AT

Salvador,  
Brazil



### ENDS AT

Ponta  
Delgada,  
Azores



## Highlights

- ★ Explore the picturesque colonial city of Salvador, Brazil's cultural heart
- ★ Navigate the St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks along the remote Atlantic Ridge where the Earth's crust separates
- ★ Trek verdant forests in the stunning Cape Verde isles, and explore the mesmerizing volcano on Fogo
- ★ Journey to Mirador de la Concepción in the Canary Islands, and discover wildlife and Portuguese history in the Madeira Islands









## Day by day

### ■ DAY 1

#### Salvador, Brazil

Arrive in Salvador, renowned for its exuberant atmosphere. Settle into our hotel in the historic Pelourinho district. Meet your fellow travelers at our welcome dinner and enjoy a musical performance.

**Arrival Time:** Arrive before 12:00 p.m. local time.

**Arrival City:** Salvador, Brazil

Meals included: dinner

### ◇ DAY 2

#### Salvador / Embark Ship

This morning check out of the hotel and set off to explore the city. Salvador's brilliantly hued center is a living museum of 17th- and 18th-century architecture. Explore the UNESCO-listed Pelourinho, or choose to hear local music, visit a sea turtle preservation site, or see a social project assisting street children. After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant, embark the *National Geographic Endurance*.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAYS 3-4

#### At Sea

Enjoy the ship's many amenities as we spend the day at sea. Soak in the infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, take in panoramic views from the rooftop observation deck, and attend talks by our onboard experts to learn of the amazing wildlife and geology that we will see on our journey.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAYS 5-6

#### Fortaleza / At Sea

We arrive this morning in Fortaleza and immediately head inland to Maciço de Baturité. A birders' paradise, we'll search for a variety of species amongst the rainforest and the Caatinga. Enjoy a leisurely walk or a more active hike in this beautiful locale.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 7

#### Equator Crossing / St. Peter and Paul Archipelago

The day begins at sea as we make our way into the northern hemisphere. Crossing the Equator, we sail toward our destination—the St. Peter and Paul archipelago. Officially claimed by Brazil, this small outcropping of rocks along the Atlantic Ridge barely breaks the surface of the ocean. The archipelago is geologically fascinating and home to seabirds and a few researchers. Take a Zodiac cruise through the rocks to see the Earth's mantle up close.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAYS 8-9

#### At Sea

Fall into the relaxed pace of days at sea and choose from an array of shipboard activities, from attending a photo workshop with our National Geographic Photography Expert to enjoying a performance of live music or treating yourself to a massage or a wellness class.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAYS 10-12

#### Cape Verde Islands

The mountainous volcanic islands of Cape Verde comprise one of the world's smallest independent nations. Renowned for their spectacular beauty,



Santo Antão boasts impressive landscapes of terraced hillsides, eucalyptus forests, and deep valleys, while the island of Fogo affords opportunity to add volcano-gazing to your life list—we will drive 5,000 feet up the volcano to sample the local wine at its source: inside the caldera!

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAYS 13-14

### At Sea / Cross the Tropic of Cancer

Visit the ship's Bridge as we sail northward across the Tropic of Cancer. Soak up the views from one of the observation decks and attend engaging presentations on a range of subjects, from 15th-century Portuguese and Spanish navigators to talks from our marine biologists on the amazing navigation skills of the cetaceans who travel these waters.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAYS 15-17

### La Palma, Canary Islands / La Gomera

Drop anchor in the azure waters of the Canary Islands, which occupies a central place in the history of Atlantic exploration. The larger island of La Palma is known as *La Isla Bonita*, or "the pretty island," for its lushly forested mountain slopes set against azure waters. Enjoy a scenic drive up to Mirador de la Concepción, perched on the edge of a crater. Take in fantastic views of the town and harbor below and visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Snows, with its fusion of baroque and Spanish-Moorish architecture. On the island of La Gomera, visit a house where Christopher Columbus stayed while his ships were provisioned with supplies, then consider a hike in the verdant Garajonay Nacional Park.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAYS 18-19

### Desertas Island / Madeira, Portugal

Start the day south of Madeira in the Desertas Archipelago. This small group of volcanic islands has been deemed a nature reserve, helping to protect both the sea and land. The area is a refuge to the Mediterranean monk seal and an array of seabirds. Sail on to enchanting Madeira, a subtropical island abloom in flora. First settled by the Portuguese in 1419, the island's capital city of Funchal evokes a colonial time capsule, with architecture from the 15th through the 19th centuries. Explore its winding streets and culinary delights.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAY 20

### At Sea

Enjoy all that the *National Geographic Endurance* has to offer on this final day at sea as we make our way to the Azores. Spend time on deck with the expedition team as they keep watch over the horizon, searching for the marine creatures and seabirds who feed in this fertile stretch of ocean.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAY 21

### Santa Maria, Azores

Spend the morning with local whale experts who have centuries-worth of legacy to their surroundings and an instinct for scouting its wild inhabitants. They will guide us on our morning whale-watching. In the afternoon, we go ashore at Santa Maria, historically significant as the first landfall of Christopher Columbus on his return from the Americas in 1493. For those interested in getting some exercise, there are hiking trails that will allow us to experience the scenery and atmosphere of the island.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ◇ DAY 22

### Faial / Pico



The Azores are a whale-watching mecca, where more than 20 different types of cetaceans can be spotted. Search for these gentle giants in the channel north of Pico and Horta islands. Once ashore on the island of Faial, head to Capelinhos to see how dramatically the landscape changed when the volcano at the western end of the island erupted in 1957. Farms and villages were covered in ash, adding an extra two square kilometers of land to the island. Later, stroll along the marina, visit the excellent scrimshaw museum, and raise a glass at Peter Café Sport, a legendary pub where sea adventurers historically dropped their mail.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### ■ DAYS 23-24

### Ponta Delgada / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Ponta Delgada, the charming capital of the Azores. Spend the morning touring the Old Town—stopping at the impressive Museum of Carlos Machado to discover the varied history of the archipelago. Enjoy lunch before transferring to the airport and homeward flights.

**Departure Time:** Depart after 10:30 a.m. local time.

**Departure City:** Ponta Delgada, Azores

Meals included: breakfast, lunch



## Expedition

Salvador, Brazil → Ponta Delgada, Azores

## 2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Endurance*

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## National Geographic Endurance

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Guests	Cabins
138	76

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The most advanced ice-class expedition ship afloat, the *National Geographic Endurance* offers unprecedented access to polar regions.

The first new polar build in Lindblad's 50-year history, *National Geographic Endurance* is named to honor explorer Ernest Shackleton and his legendary Transantarctic Expedition.

A fully-stabilized vessel of the highest ice class (PC5 Category A), she will enable adventurous guests to go where few have or can. Endurance's most striking exterior feature is her distinctive profile, the patented X-Bow®, a game-changing 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<sup>®</sup> 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.



# Cabin Categories

## Category 1

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

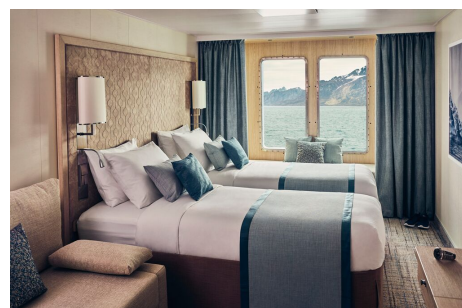
Fore Deck, with two large windows, two singles that can convert to a queen, armchair, writing desk and chair, two bedside tables, window sofa, and a closet.



## 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

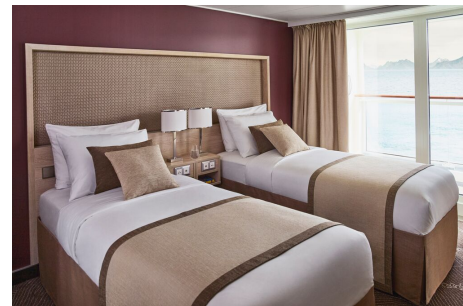
Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; two single beds that convert to a queen; convertible sleeper sofa; coffee table; writing desk with chair; two bedside tables; and a closet.



## 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.



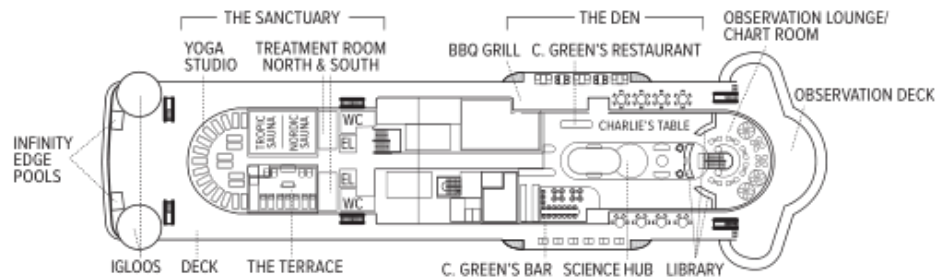
## Category B Solo

**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.

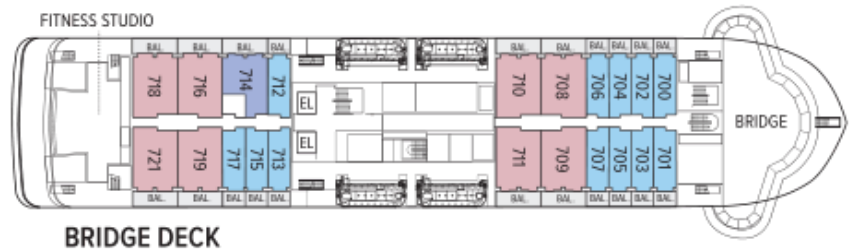


## Observation Deck



## Bridge Deck

- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 7



## Lounge Deck

- Category 4
- Category B Solo



## Main Deck

- Category 3
- Category 2 Solo

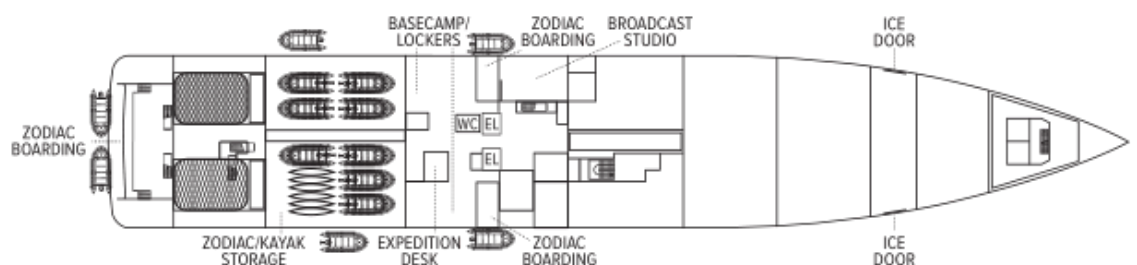


## Fore Deck

- 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-the-art 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, cross-country 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™ 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

## DISCOVERY PACKAGE

Discovery package is per person and includes complimentary Enhanced Wi-Fi, a \$250USD laundry credit, and a commemorative jacket and backpack. Discovery Package must be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. 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.

## 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.

## 10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

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

## SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 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/>

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## Cancellation policy

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