



# SCOTLAND'S WILD ISLES: SHETLANDS, ORKNEYS AND INNER HEBRIDES



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## EXPEDITIONS

June 2-9, 2027 | Aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*

**SPECIAL OFFER: 5% GROUP SAVINGS**



## Dear Alumni and Friends,

The British and Irish Isles have long inspired travelers with their windswept landscapes, layered histories and enduring maritime traditions. From the rugged Inner Hebrides and the misty shores of Skye to the remote archipelagos of Orkney and Shetland, these storied islands at the edge of the North Atlantic offer a rich blend of dramatic natural beauty, ancient heritage and vibrant local culture.

We invite you to join us aboard the *National Geographic Explorer* for an immersive voyage to these storied coastlines and remote archipelagos. Purpose-built for expedition travel, the ship allows us to explore beyond the larger ports and well-traveled routes, venturing into secluded harbors and shorelines where daily life still moves to the rhythms of the sea.

Throughout the journey, a veteran expedition team—including naturalists, historians, cultural specialists and a National Geographic Photographer—will bring these landscapes vividly to life. We'll also enjoy unique opportunities to connect more deeply with the region's culture through specially curated experiences, including intimate musical performances organized by our ethnomusicologist, Jacob Edgar.

Each day is brimming with adventure. Stroll picturesque villages and historic harbors, hike along dramatic coastal trails and explore remote beaches and inlets by Zodiac. On Rathlin Island, witness thriving seabird colonies gathered along towering cliffs, while farther north, Shetland and Orkney reveal traces of Viking heritage, ancient settlements and centuries-old maritime traditions. In Loch Ewe, discover the renowned Inverewe Gardens, where colorful plantings flourish against a backdrop of rugged Highland scenery.

This voyage is as much about atmosphere as destination—a chance to experience the quieter side of Scotland and Northern Ireland through meaningful encounters, expert guidance and the spirit of true exploration.

To reserve your space, please return the reservation form, email [groups@expeditions.com](mailto:groups@expeditions.com) or call 833-985-1261.

Sincerely,

*Rachele Neu*

Rachele Neu B.S. '08, M.A. '12  
Senior Travel Program Manager



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8 Days | From \$7,971pp

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From the Isle of Skye and its picturesque villages to the dramatic landscapes of remote Shetland and Orkney, delve into vivid histories and stunning scenery aboard this active eight-day voyage. Discover archaeological sites steeped in ancient mythology. Explore medieval castles, Viking ruins and early Christian sites. Beyond Scotland, encounter significant seabird colonies on Northern Ireland's Rathlin Island.

Experience the thrill of true exploration as you spend days charting courses—by Zodiac and on foot—based on the expertise of your expedition leaders, naturalists and local guides.



Day 1 • Edinburgh, Scotland / Embark Ship

Days 2-4 • Shetland / Orkney

Days 5-6 • Loch Ewe / Isle of Skye

Day 7 • Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland

Day 8 • Dublin, Ireland / Disembark Ship

# EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

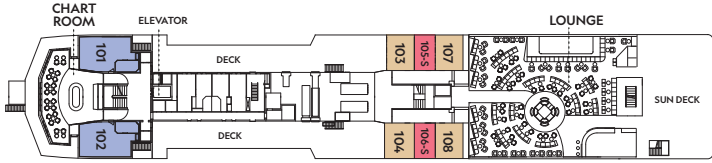
- Spend time on Rathlin Island, home to Northern Ireland's largest puffin colony and the unique "upside down lighthouse."
- Embark on an expedition day on the western coast of the Isle of Skye to explore its rugged shoreline and dramatic landscapes.
- Uncover the Viking heritage and stunning scenery of remote Shetland and Orkney: Delve into their unique cultures with local historians, explore ancient brochs and hike across island trails.
- Stroll through the renowned and picturesque Inverewe Gardens in Loch Ewe while keeping an eye out for the "Scottish Big Five"— red squirrel, red deer, otter, seal and golden eagle.
- Experience one-of-a-kind musical performances curated exclusively by ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar.



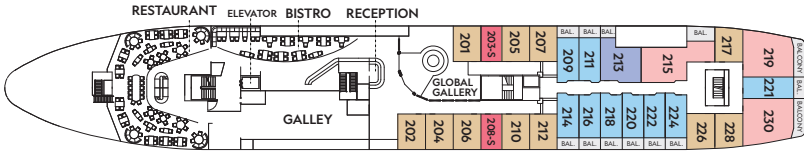
## ***National Geographic Explorer***

*National Geographic Explorer* accommodates 148 guests in 81 cabins. A purpose-built expedition ship, she is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling her to comfortably navigate all sea states while providing elegance and a deep connection to the environment. The ship is devoted to exploration—from her open bridge and the chart room below it, to her high-perched observation deck, with its aqueous light and compelling views.

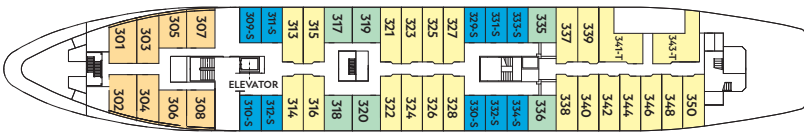
# SHIP DECK PLAN & PRICING



VERANDA DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

**VOYAGE DATE: JUNE 2-9, 2027**

**Advance Payment Details: 15% of the cabin fare, per person**

**Prices are per person, double-occupancy unless indicated as solo**

**5% Savings**

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>\$8,390</b>	<b>\$7,971</b>
Main Deck – With one or two portholes #301-308		
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>\$8,810</b>	<b>\$8,370</b>
Main Deck – With window #317-320, 335-336		
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>\$10,130</b>	<b>\$9,624</b>
Main Deck – With window #313-316, 321-328, 337-344, 346, 348, 350		
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>\$10,540</b>	<b>\$10,013</b>
Upper & Veranda Decks – With window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228		
<b>Category 5</b>	<b>\$13,180</b>	<b>\$12,521</b>
Upper Deck – With balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224		
<b>Category 6</b>	<b>\$15,160</b>	<b>\$14,402</b>
Veranda Deck – Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213		
<b>Category 7</b>	<b>\$17,430</b>	<b>\$16,559</b>
Upper Deck – Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230		
<b>Category A Solo</b>	<b>\$12,660</b>	<b>\$12,027</b>
Main Deck – With window #309-312, 329-334		
<b>Category B Solo</b>	<b>\$13,180</b>	<b>\$12,521</b>
Upper & Veranda Decks – With window #105-106, 203, 208		

**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.

## SPECIAL GROUP SAVINGS:

Enjoy 5% savings on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with Michigan Alumni Travel. Valid on this departure date of *Scotland's Wild Isles: Shetlands, Orkneys and Inner Hebrides*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

## INCLUSIVE PRICING

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- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and hotels as indicated in the itinerary
- Airport transfers for flights arriving and departing within the recommended window
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, plus hors d'oeuvres and 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, nonalcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Selection of exploration tools curated to the destination, such as kayaks, Zodiacs, etc.
- Presentations on your destination by expedition staff and expert guest speakers
- Crew gratuities
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers and local tour escorts where applicable
- The services of a medical professional where applicable
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment where available
- 24-hour access to the lounge, library, observation decks and other shared spaces
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- Park and site entrance fees, special access permits and port taxes

**Beer, Wine, Cocktails & Spirits:** Your bar tab is included. Premium wines and spirits are available for purchase.

**Complimentary Wi-Fi:** Wireless internet is offered through Speedcast and Starlink. Enjoy a complimentary basic Wi-Fi plan that accommodates email, messaging and social media apps. Upgrades are also available, ranging in price from \$25 per day to \$300 for the entire voyage.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double-occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking.

**COST INCLUDES:** All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare (except flights when indicated as included and/or as required); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; premium brand cocktails and spirits; private transfers; enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans aboard expedition fleet; laundry, spa treatments and phone services; travel protection plans; passport, visa and immigration fees.

**ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS:** Itineraries, routing and speakers listed are correct at time of publication, and are subject to change.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

**RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:** It is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel protection plan and medical insurance, which are available at an extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

## CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

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**120 or more days** prior to expedition start: **No penalty.** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition\*

**119-90 days** prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost\*\***

**89-0 days** prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost\*\***

*\*Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.*

*\*\*Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.*

*This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions and all other additional services. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier and type of fare used to issue your ticket.*

*Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees. The cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. We strongly recommend purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.*

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# Reservation Form



## Contact Information

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## Scotland's Wild Isles: Shetlands, Orkneys and Inner Hebrides

June 2-9, 2027

ABOARD THE *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER*

### Passenger Information

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s).

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name as it appears on passport)*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Name as it appears on passport)*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:  Double  Single  Twin share with a friend

Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Advance Payment Information: 15% of the cabin fare per person.

If paying by check, please make payable to: Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.

**Interested in extending your travels?** Be sure to check the MYLEX portal after your booking is confirmed to explore available options.



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*Pioneering Responsible Exploration: From our consistent quest to improve our practices to offsetting 100% of our carbon emissions, supporting conservation, science, and education initiatives around the planet, and investing in the communities in the places we explore, we are guided by our commitment to explore responsibly.*

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