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EXPEDITIONS

December 15–22, 2027 | Aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*

SPECIAL OFFER: 5% GROUP SAVINGS

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Few places on Earth capture the imagination like Antarctica. Towering glaciers, sculpted icebergs and snow-covered peaks create a world where wildlife flourishes and nature unfolds on a scale unlike anywhere else. Reaching the White Continent has traditionally required sailing across the Drake Passage, but this expedition offers a different approach.

We invite you to join us aboard the *National Geographic Explorer* for an eight-day journey designed to maximize your time in Antarctica. Round-trip flights between South America and the Antarctic Peninsula bypass the traditional sea crossing, bringing you directly into the heart of this polar realm for several days of exploration among its ice-filled channels and wildlife-rich shores.

A veteran expedition team of naturalists, undersea specialists and a National Geographic Photographer accompanies the journey, offering expert perspectives that deepen every encounter. Their knowledge helps illuminate Antarctica's wildlife, ecosystems and dynamic icescapes, while exploration tools, such as remotely operated vehicles, reveal a rarely seen world beneath the surface.

No two days on this voyage are alike. Ice conditions, weather and wildlife activity shape each excursion, inviting your expedition team to adapt plans as opportunities arise.

Drawing on 60 years of expedition heritage, Lindblad Expeditions brings generations of polar expertise to every voyage, from experienced ice master captains to teams deeply familiar with navigating this ever-changing environment. That depth of experience allows the expedition team to respond to conditions as they unfold, making the most of every opportunity Antarctica presents.

I hope you will be able to join us **December 15–22, 2027**. To reserve your place, please email **groups@expeditions.com** or call **833-985-1261**.

Sincerely,

Rachele Neu

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

Antarctica Direct: Fly the Drake Passage

8 Days | From $12,170pp
December 15–22, 2027 | *National Geographic Explorer*

Experience the wild grandeur of the White Continent in a more efficient, expedient way. On this itinerary, bypass the traditional Drake Passage crossing on a two-hour flight to and from Antarctica,† and discover all of the highlights without sacrificing the extra time. Travel with a diverse team of experts aboard the intimately scaled *National Geographic Explorer*, purpose-built for polar exploration. Venture into channels and coves framed by towering peaks. Watch for whales off the bow; Zodiac cruise around enormous icebergs; and hike and kayak in complete tranquility. Choose an active agenda or surrender to the pleasures of relaxing downtime and shipboard camaraderie. Plus, get top shots with the help of a National Geographic Photographer.

Day 1 • Puerto Natales, Chile

Day 2 • Puerto Natales / King George Island, Antarctica / Embark Ship

Days 3-6 • Exploring Antarctica

Day 7 • King George Island / Disembark Ship / Puerto Natales

Day 8 • Puerto Natales

Minimum age requirement: *Any children booked on Antarctic voyages must be at least four years old at time of embarkation.*

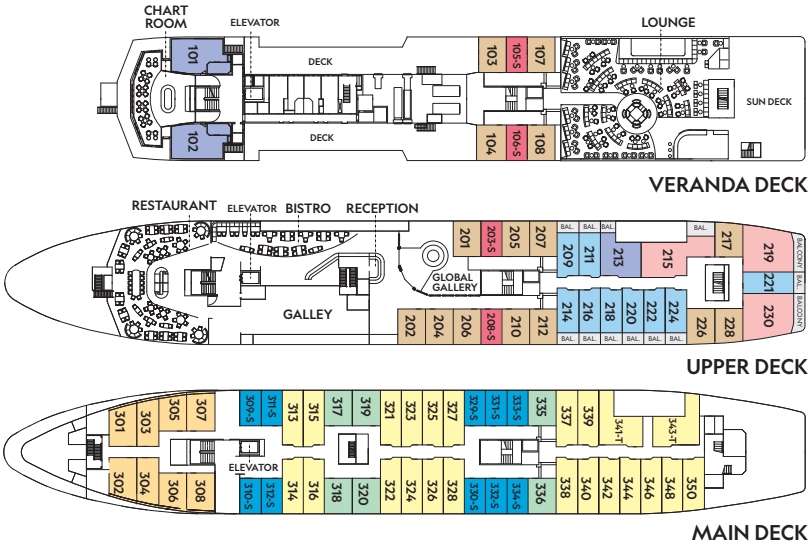
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Get a head start on your Antarctica experience by flying across the Drake Passage from Puerto Natales to King George Island, landing at the Chilean research station that permanently operates there.†
- Explore the world's last great wilderness in the company of top naturalists and the most experienced polar captains in Antarctica, with more than 60 years of expedition heritage.
- Marvel at the abundance of wildlife—a parade of gentoo, Adélie and chinstrap penguins; stealthy leopard seals; several species of whales, from hump backs to orcas; and more.
- Hike, kayak and Zodiac cruise in complete tranquility, surrounded by a pristine kingdom of snow and ice.

National Geographic Explorer

The *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 navigate polar passages while providing comfort, 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



VOYAGE DATE: DECEMBER 15–22, 2027

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

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

		5% Savings
Category 1	~~$12,600~~	$12,170
Main Deck — With one or two portholes #301–308		
Category 2	~~$13,032~~	$12,581
Main Deck — With window #317–320, 335–336		
Category 3	~~$14,384~~	$13,865
Main Deck — With window #313–316, 321–328, 337–344, 346, 348, 350		
Category 4	~~$14,800~~	$14,260
Upper & Veranda Decks — With window #103–104, 107–108, 201–202, 204–207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228		
Category 5*	~~$17,504~~	$16,829
Upper Deck — With balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220–222, 224		
Category 6*	~~$19,528~~	$18,752
Veranda Deck — Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213		
Category 7*	~~$21,856~~	$20,964
Upper Deck — Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230		
Category A Solo	~~$16,984~~	$16,335
Main Deck — With window #309-312, 329–334		
Category B Solo	~~$17,504~~	$16,829
Upper & Veranda Decks — With window #105–106, 203, 208		

Note: 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 *Antarctica Direct: Fly the Drake Passage*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

Note: the 5% savings is not applicable to the included internal airfare cost of $1,500.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- 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

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; crew gratuities; 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: The charter flights between Puerto Natales, Chile and King George Island, Antarctica are included. International airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad will assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee. **Due to the unpredictable weather in Antarctica, we highly encourage guests to book their international flights through Lindblad Expeditions' air department, who can assist with rescheduling flights if needed.**

†ANTARCTICA FLIGHT INFORMATION: Antarctic flights are weather dependent, and flexibility is essential. Weather delays may affect flight schedules and, in very rare instances, could prevent travel to Antarctica. The experience also requires guests to navigate aircraft stairs, walk independently over uneven ground and board and disembark Zodiacs with assistance. Guests with questions about these requirements are encouraged to call Lindblad Expeditions at the number listed in this brochure before booking.

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)

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

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ABOARD THE ***NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER***

Passenger Information

Please reserve _____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____
(Name as it appears on passport) *(Preferred name for name tag)*

Date of Birth: _____ Class Year: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Guest 2: _____
(Name as it appears on passport) *(Preferred name for name tag)*

Date of Birth: _____ Class Year: _____

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.

Printed on 10% recycled content paper with soy-based inks. We recommend that you pass this along for others to enjoy or recycle.

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