



Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From remote and enigmatic Easter Island, to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to Tahiti, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. The voyage begins in one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island. Walk the length of untouched tropical beaches, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass.



DAY 1-5: U.S./SANTIAGO, CHILE/EASTER ISLAND/EMBARK

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. Upon arrival, transfer to the Ritz Carlton in central Santiago. Then, join your Lindblad staff this evening for a welcome reception. Early the next morning, fly to Easter Island where you will check into the Hanga Roa Eco Village & Spa for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal moai statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (DAY 3: L,D; DAY 4-5: B,L,D)

and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs. Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. On hikes and Zodiac excursions, discover the island’s four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology.

Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Meet the residents and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of the last surviving *Bounty* mutineer, John Adams, and see the *Bounty*’s anchor, which was salvaged in 1957. (B,L,D)



DAY 6-10: AT SEA/PITCAIRN ISLANDS

Set sail from Easter Island on our journey west, listening to talks by our experts as we sail for two days. We begin our exploration in Ducie Atoll, where we spend time watching for frigatebirds



DAY 11 & 12: AT SEA/ MANGAREVA, FRENCH POLYNESIA

Spend a day at sea scanning the horizon with our naturalists, or relaxing on deck with a good book. We then arrive at Mangareva, the largest of the Gambier Islands, and famous for its black pearls. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their home here, and go on a hike with our naturalists. (B,L,D)



DAY 13-18: AT SEA/TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” in Pukarua, where we’ll be greeted by traditional dancers. Navigate reefs and islets during a day at sea and then in true expedition mode, explore one of the uninhabited atolls such as Tahanea. After a festive welcome with traditional dancers in Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, learn about the island’s pearl industry, and walk its pristine beaches. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world -famous drift dive. (B,L,D)



DAY 19 & 20: PAPEETE/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Arrive in Papeete, French Polynesia and take a tour of Tahiti before your overnight flight home. (DAY 18: B,L)

2018 Departure Dates:

March 26 & August 30 

Important Flight Information

Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

Advance Payment: \$2,500

Sample Airfares: Includes two hotel night accommodations on Easter Island.

Round-trip Los Angeles/Santiago, Chile, Santiago, Chile/Easter Island, Papeete, Tahiti /Los Angeles Economy from \$3,300; Airfares are subject to change.

Cost Includes: The rates include accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar; all meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands) aboard ship; all shore excursions and sightseeing; entrance fees, transfers to and from group flights; local transportation to/from sites of interest; use of kayaks, snorkeling gear, scuba gear, and stand-up paddleboards; taxes, port charges and service charges; services of the ship’s physician; Lindblad Expeditions’ Leader, naturalist staff and expert guides; gratuities to local guides and ship’s crew. **Not Included:** Airfare (unless indicated as included); charter airfare; travel protection plan; scuba diving fees; passport, visa or immigration fees; personal items such as email, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIRFARE

Book by Jul. 31, 2017 for free round-trip air between Los Angeles and Santiago. Free air is based on round-trip, economy group flights from Los Angeles to Santiago and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. New bookings only. Call for details.

BOOK 2 OR MORE AND SAVE 10%:

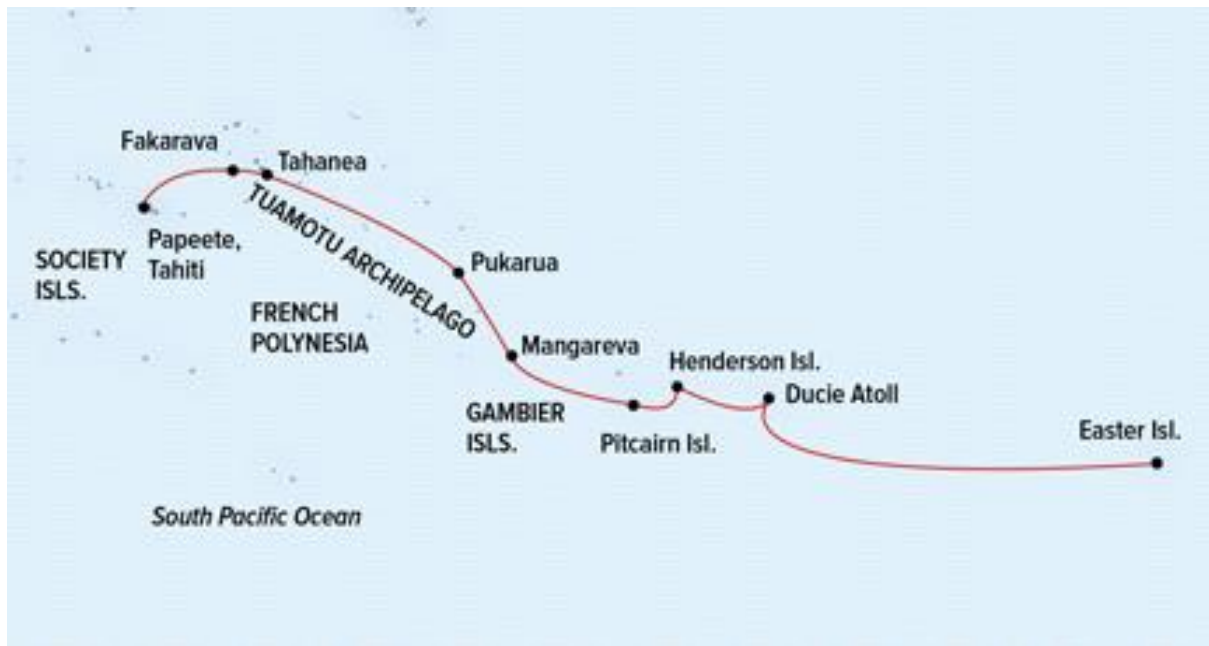
Book two or more South Pacific voyages aboard *National Geographic Orion* and take 10% off each voyage. Savings is applicable to back-to-back or non-consecutive voyages. *This savings is available on voyage fare only, and is not valid on airfares or extensions.

FREE BAR TAB AND CREW TIPS INCLUDED

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COST PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY						
	01	02	03	04	05	06
2018	\$ 17,990	\$ 21,350	\$ 25,370	\$ 27,490	\$ 32,820	\$ 37,970

COST PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY		
	1S	3S
2018	\$ 26,990	\$ 37,990





National Geographic Orion

The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is the newest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. A fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice reinforced hull, *National Geographic Orion* is at home navigating polar ice as well as small harbors in Australia, Borneo, Indonesia, and the South Pacific.

CAPACITY: 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sun deck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, marina platform, and mud room. Guests are welcome on the “open bridge” to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

MEALS: All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The cuisine is international with local flair, featuring tastes of the regions we explore. Menus are created by award-winning chef Serge Dansereau of Sydney-based restaurant, The Bathers’ Pavilion.

CABINS: All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, internet access for your own laptop, and a flat-screen TV with DVD/CD player. Some cabins have French balconies. Single cabins in Category 1 and Category 3 include #301, 322, 323, and 512.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck with oval windows #316, 318, 319-321

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck with large oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419

CATEGORY 4: Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515

CATEGORY 5: Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, a hydrophone, underwater video cameras, a video microscope, and a crow’s nest camera on Kimberley voyages. Plus kayaks, snorkeling gear for all guests, scuba gear for 24 guests, a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), and a glass-bottom Zodiac on all voyages where scuba diving is offered.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Laundry, a full-time doctor, video chronicler, National Geographic photographer and Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, plus undersea specialists, divemasters, and Global Perspectives guest speakers on select voyages.

WELLNESS: A wellness specialist, fitness center, massage/LEXspa treatment room, and sauna are on board. A whirlpool hot tub on the Observation Deck doubles as a plunge pool in warm temperatures.

CATEGORY 6: Bridge Deck—Owner’s suite with French balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510 *Cabin 509 does not have a French balcony

CATEGORY 1 SOLO: Main Deck with oval windows or portholes #301, 322, 323

CATEGORY 3 SOLO: Bridge Deck—Suite with window #512

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.

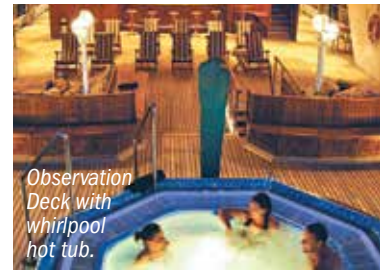
Note: Scuba divers must be certified by an internationally recognized dive association prior to the voyage, and certification cards and logbooks must be shown on board. Divers must have logged 25 dives in total and made a dive within the 12 months preceding the voyage.



Category 1 and 2 cabin.



Dining on deck.



Observation Deck with whirlpool hot tub.



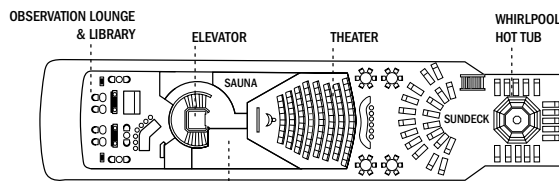
Category 5 suite with French balcony.



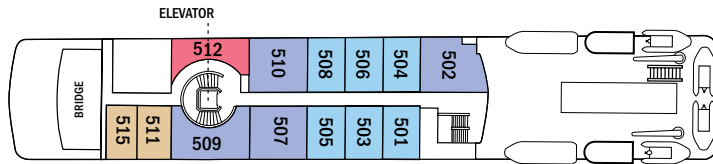
Category 6 owner's suite.



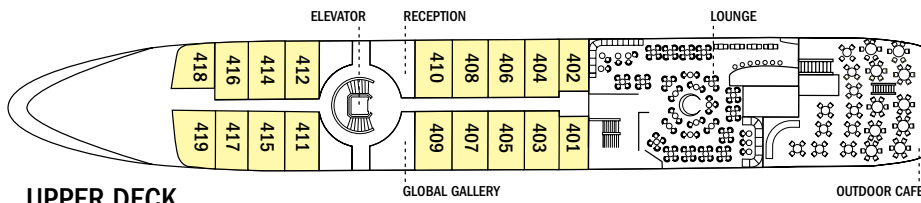
Lounge.



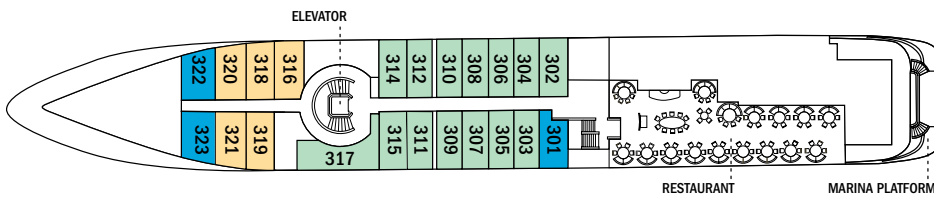
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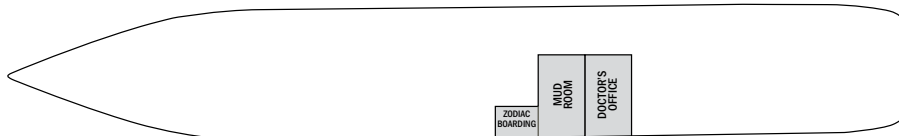
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UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



EXPEDITION DECK