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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.

Discover the wildness of Baja you would otherwise miss. It is a living sea that teems with whales and dolphins, dotted with UNESCO World Heritage site desert islands that are only accessible by small ship.

Dear Traveler,

Just about now California gray whales are migrating north from the Pacific lagoons of Baja California to their feeding grounds in Alaska. On the other side of the peninsula, huge numbers of Humboldt squid have aggregated, and sperm whales abound, taking advantage of the concentration of food. Large gatherings of mobulas (rays that look like small mantas) roam the Sea of Cortez as this is mating season. Blue whales, having wintered here, begin to head south.

When I think of Baja California and the Sea of Cortez, I think about the Serengeti. Both of these geographies have occupied many years of my life. In the Serengeti, as in Baja California, there is a constant migratory flow. When the gray whales move north, they won't return until January, just like the wildebeest who concentrate for a few months in the short grass plains of southern Serengeti.

At each time of year the patterns are different, and as long as you know them and follow them, there is always wonder to be had.

That's why our itineraries change throughout our time in the overall geography. They are geared to take advantage of unique elements at particular times. So, when I'm asked "What's the best time to go?"—my answer is: Depends on your interests.

In mid-April, for example, you won't see gray whales cavorting, you won't even go to the lagoons where they winter. But you can head north into the Sea of Cortez, the best place in the world to see many different kinds of whales in good conditions.

But it's not just about whales. The islands themselves are strikingly beautiful. There are great concentrations of sea birds in parts, snorkeling with sea lions is delightful and kayaking in the mangroves is always full of surprises. And in December, we're offering a new itinerary that weaves the cultural aspects into your experience of this multi-faceted region.

And an added bonus is that wild Baja California is so close, yet so far away from anything that resembles day-to-day life.

This is where the "tonic of wildness" is at its most exuberant. On behalf of the Baja expedition teams, I hope you'll join us to explore the Sea of Cortez this year.

Yours sincerely,



Sven-Olof Lindblad



Photography presentation.



On the bridge.



Puerto Gato, on the Baja California Peninsula.



Morning stretch on deck.



THE JOYS OF BAJA EXPEDITION-STYLE



Our expedition style of travel offers the most intriguing and holistic way to experience the best of Baja California. And life aboard our expedition ship is rewarding, too. Our founder, Sven Lindblad, spent his formative years in Africa, working as a guide with a high-end safari operator, and the words of his mentor have always stayed with him: “Only a fool has to suffer in the bush.”

That’s why our hotel staff and chefs are integral to every expedition—as important to the intricate calculus aboard as the expedition leader and the captain. Their ability to respond flexibly keeps our vital expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak. You can rush to the deck for a spontaneous dinner hour whale sighting, knowing that the kitchen can accommodate this unexpected opportunity. Dinner will still be superb. You’ll discover that life aboard our 62-guest expedition ships is warm and welcoming, with everyone participating equally in the adventure. Evening Recaps in the lounge are a chance to swap stories of the day’s surprises with family and new friends over hors d’oeuvres and cocktails.

» TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE ABOARD PLEASE VISIT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/BAJA](https://www.expeditions.com/baja)



Guests taking advantage of the early morning light.

EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY

OUR EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM



Unique in the world of travel, our Expedition Photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivaled photography opportunities—including a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board every expedition. Photo enthusiasts, from beginner to semi-pro can stand side-by-side with accomplished photographers and pick up tips in an extraordinary field environment. Their expertise will inspire you and help you improve your skills—so you can return home with great shots, or a complete photo record of your experience of a lifetime.



TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM



Learn, see, and do more by exploring with experts who know the region best. Your team consists of an expedition leader and four naturalists, including a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and an undersea specialist. Additionally, a wellness specialist leads morning stretching and aerobic hikes, and a video chronicler films the story of your adventure.

Representing our Baja Season Team:



SUE PERIN

Expedition Leader

A wildlife biologist, naturalist, and former National Park interpreter, Sue has led expeditions since 1993.

LINDA BURBACK

Photo Instructor

A former naturalist at Saguaro National Park, Linda is an extraordinary photographer and teacher.



WILLIAM LOPEZ-FORMENT

Naturalist

A former professor at the National University of Mexico, William is a biologist, ecologist, and historian.

CARLOS NAVARRO

Undersea Specialist

A biochemist and marine biologist, Carlos has spent most of the last 30 years studying the Sea of Cortez.

Here is a partial list of our Baja California expedition team (clockwise from left): Sue Perin, Expedition Leader; Linda Burback, photo instructor; Carlos J. Navarro, undersea specialist; William Lopez-Forment, naturalist.

“In 2009 we went back to Cabo Pulmo ... expecting fishes to be more abundant after 10 years of protection. But we could not believe what we saw—thousands upon thousands of large fishes such as snappers, groupers, trevally, and manta rays. They were so abundant that we could not see each other if we were fifteen meters apart.”

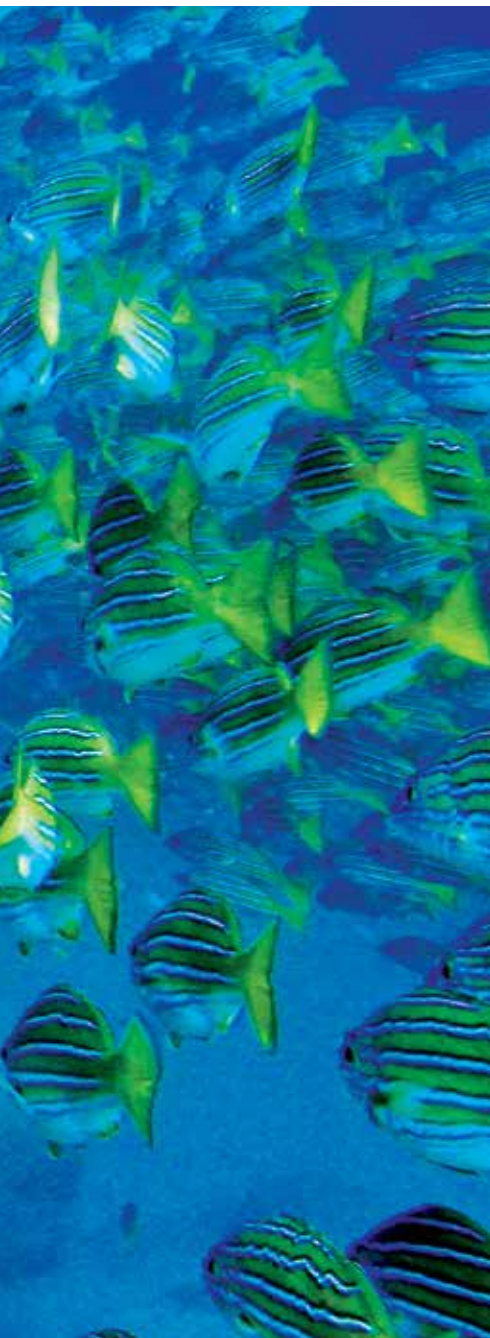
—Eric Sala, National Geographic





ISLANDS & TREASURES

ART, WHALES & MORE



Fall under the spell of Baja on an expedition that unites its twin facets: culture and wildness. Hop among pristine desert islands rife with endemic species, rare plants, and towering forests of cacti. You'll find the air so clear and clean that on some evenings a green flash will burst on the horizon at sunset—a phenomenon so rare some people refuse to believe it exists. Search for migrating humpback whales on their way to the Sea of Cortez. Hike a desert arroyo to see ancient art, handprints hidden in a cave for millennia, and feel a connection to the ancients in this high, remote desert. Visit Todos Santos,

a *Pueblo Magico*, a small Baja town with outsize charm. See their unique architecture, stroll the sleepy streets, and meet contemporary artists who live and exhibit their work here. Snorkel with sea lions (at Los Islotes), and explore fantastic Cabo Pulmo, where ten years ago local fisherman chose to stop fishing, declaring the region a “no-take zone” to attract divers and snorkelers. Today it is one of the most vibrant undersea sites in the region.

» **READ PAST DAILY EXPEDITION REPORTS (DERS) AT [EXPEDITIONS.COM/REALBAJA](https://www.expeditions.com/realbaja) FOR A REAL SENSE**

Clockwise from top: Artisanal goods; humpback whale at sunset; blue and gold snappers.

WILD ISLANDS & TREASURES OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*

PRICES FROM: \$5,690 to \$9,890 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

Discover the pure wildness of Baja's desert islands and the living sea, and then go further and delve into the Peninsula's unique culture and art from ancient times to modern. You'll find the dolphins, seabirds, and extraordinary marine life enchanting and the region's history and culture rich and intriguing. And when you see Baja's islands with rugged cliffs and white sand beaches reflected in an azure sea, you'll understand immediately why UNESCO designated them a World Heritage Site.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Visit art galleries and meet the artists in Todos Santos, a *Pueblo Mágico*.
- ▶ Search for humpback whales, active off the southern coast of the peninsula.
- ▶ Snorkel at Cabo Pulmo, a vibrant reef and model for ocean conservation.
- ▶ Kayak, swim, and hike the pristine desert islands of the Sea of Cortez, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE

30+
YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Our expert 6-person expedition team will illuminate the wonders of the Sea of Cortez from every possible angle. Your expedition leader, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and naturalists, plus a wellness specialist and video chronicler, are dedicated to ensuring an incredible voyage. A National Geographic photographer will add more learning and photo instruction on select departures.

Visit our website to read staff bios for this expedition.

Snorkeler at Isla Catalina.



DAY 1: LOS CABOS/LA PAZ/EMBARK

Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird* in downtown La Paz.

DAY 2: ISLA SAN JOSE/ISLA SAN FRANCISCO

Explore two gems of the Sea of Cortez. UNESCO World Heritage site islands, Islas San José and San Francisco with abundant opportunities to snorkel, kayak, beachcomb, or hike.

DAY 3: BAHIA AGUA VERDE/EXPLORING

The small bay and white sand beach of Agua Verde is set among the dramatic mountains of the Sierra de la Giganta mountain range. Hike up volcanic cliffs to a series of caves painted with ancient red handprints or kayak the dramatic shoreline. We'll also search for marine mammals, known to inhabit the region.

DAY 4: LOS ISLOTES/ISLA PARTIDA

Snorkeling with playful and curious sea lions—a highlight. Tuck into a shallow, emerald green anchorage at Ensenada Grande, where we can snorkel once more or hike the island's beautiful arroyo.

DAY 5: TODOS SANTOS/LA PAZ

Transit the narrow peninsula to Todos Santos, a charming town filled with art galleries. Stroll the town, meet the artisans, and dine at a local restaurant. Take an evening stroll along the malecon in downtown La Paz before departing for more explorations at sea.

DAY 6: ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO

Explore the island's beautifully indented bays



Breaching humpback whale.

by expedition landing craft, kayaks, or snorkeling. Go beachcombing or opt for a hike along the rocky coast, keeping your eye out for brown pelicans, gulls, wandering tattlers, great blue herons, and blue-footed boobies.

DAY 7: CABO PULMO/GORDA BANKS/LANDS END

Learn the inspiring story of Cabo Pulmo National Park conservation, and snorkel the reef among red fan corals and large schools of fish. Meet some of the people responsible for protecting Cabo Pulmo and learn how it has become a model for ocean conservation around the world. Search for humpback whales before taking in sunset at Lands End.

DAY 8: SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO/LOS CABOS/DISEMBARK

Disembark this morning in San José del Cabo and transfer to the Los Cabos airport for flights home.



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2014: Dec. 20, 27*

*Voyage operates in reverse, making all the same stops.

SPECIAL OFFER

Book by July 31, 2014 to receive a \$550 air credit on Dec. 20th and 27th departures. See page 20 for details.

THE YOUNG EXPLORER CHALLENGE!

Take the fun further—our Young Explorer Challenge ensures that kids get lasting value from their expedition experience—a great payback for parents or grandparents. Explorers aged 8 to 17 are invited to turn their on-board journaling (photos, writing, map-drawing, or artwork) into a digital contest entry. Nine top prize winners will be selected to win an all-expense-paid mini-expedition aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion* from Seattle for themselves and one parent/guardian. Find the details and entry requirements online at expeditions.com/youngexplorerchallenge

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE PLEASE CALL FOR DETAILS.

By special arrangement, guests are invited to extend their time in Baja California with two nights at the members-only Rancho Las Cruces resort. Located on seven acres of beachfront property, Rancho Las Cruces is nestled between the Sea of Cortez and the Santa Cruz mountains, a 45-minute drive from La Paz. Choose to spend your two days beachcombing, hiking in the hills over the resort, or making use of the resort's kayaks and snorkeling gear.



A guest photographs a barrel cactus.

“Many of the grays of Baja, Frohoff told me, treat their days of birthing and nursing there as a kind of protracted coming-out party. “It’s extraordinary,” she said. “At precisely the time when you’d expect them to be the most defensive, they’re incredibly social. They’ll come right up to boats, let people touch their faces, give them massages, rub their mouths and tongues.”

– Toni Frohoff, Whale Behaviorist, from “Watching Whales Watching Us,”
New York Times Magazine, by Charles Siebert





AMONG GRAY WHALES

MEET GENTLE GIANTS

This itinerary gives you the opportunity to experience both sides of Baja's remarkable nature. For over 30 years we've been within arm's reach of California gray whales—and can assure you, it's a transformative experience. While it is impossible to guarantee encounters, our expedition is designed to maximize opportunities. We spend two days in the nursery lagoons, where the females come to birth and rear their calves. Since we're the only non-local company permitted to use our own craft, we spend more time with whales and less time getting there. And on the other side of the Baja Peninsula you'll snorkel with sea lions, hike forests of giant cacti, and explore the pristine desert islands of the Sea of Cortez for an encompassing Baja experience.



*Left: Guests enjoy a close encounter with a gray whale.
Above: Sunrise, Isla San Esteban, Sea of Cortez.*

BAJA CALIFORNIA AND THE SEA OF CORTEZ: AMONG THE GREAT WHALES

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*

PRICES FROM: \$5,990 to \$10,340 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

Seeing gray whales in their natural habitat is one of the great delights of this voyage. In Bahía Magdalena, venture out in expedition landing craft among these magnificent creatures. In the Sea of Cortez, search for a variety of whales, plus dolphins, blue-footed boobies, pelicans, cormorants and magnificent frigatebirds. You'll also snorkel among sea lions, join naturalists on hikes amid barrel cacti and sculpted sand dunes, and see a variety of desert flora and fauna.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Get an up-close view of gigantic gray whale mothers and their calves in the breeding grounds of Bahía Magdalena.
- ▶ Go snorkeling amid sea lions, brilliant blue damselfish, and schools of king angelfish.
- ▶ Kayak clear blue waters on the lookout for a variety of bird species including magnificent frigatebirds.
- ▶ Explore diverse landscapes, including sand dunes, a cactus forest and deserted islands.

Gray whales often approach our expedition landing craft, as curious about us as we are about them.

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DAY 1: LOS ANGELES/LA PAZ/SAN CARLOS/EMBARK

Upon arrival in La Paz, transfer to San Carlos where we embark. (D)

DAYS 2-4: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Navigate through an immense system of protected coves and channels, surrounded by a fringe of mangrove channels at one edge of a vast, windswept plain. Each winter, during their long migration, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and raise their calves in these sheltered waters. Observe migrating whales from the ship and up close from our expedition landing craft. Kayak and watch for magnificent frigate birds, pelicans, cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis and willets. (B,L,D daily)

DAY 5: LOS CABOS AND GORDA BANKS

This morning cruise past Friars Rocks at Land's End. For those who wish, we will visit the historic town center of San José del Cabo. The afternoon is spent at the Gorda Banks seamount or La Fortuna, gathering places for whales, especially humpbacks, dolphins and other sea life. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LOS ISLOTES AND ISLA ESPÍRITU SANTO

At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel (which we'll gladly provide) and swim with curious sea lions. We have a leisurely afternoon

to swim, kayak or hike at Isla Espíritu Santo. Brown pelicans, gulls and boobies are all part of the landscape. Finish the day with a relaxing beach barbecue complete with a campfire and a star-filled sky. (B,L,D)



DAY 7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Search for whales among the islands of the southern Sea of Cortez, an area that has proven to be one of the best for finding blue whales, and often common and bottlenose dolphins. Explore the many uninhabited islands such as Isla San José or Isla Santa Catalina to walk among huge cacti and observe the diverse bird life. Swim or snorkel with king angelfish, butterfly fish, damselfish and the beautiful parrotfish. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: LA PAZ/DISEMBARK/HOME

Disembark in La Paz after breakfast and drive to the airport for flights home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 Jan. 17*, 24, 31*; Feb. 7, 14*, 21, 28*; Mar. 7, 14*

*These departures travel in reverse from La Paz to San Carlos, making all the same stops.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with Flip Nicklin, one of the world's leading photographers of marine mammals. His incredible photos and audio recordings have been featured in numerous National Geographic publications and television specials, and you'll find the stories from his years working for the magazine enthralling. Join Flip on Jan. 24 or 31, 2015.

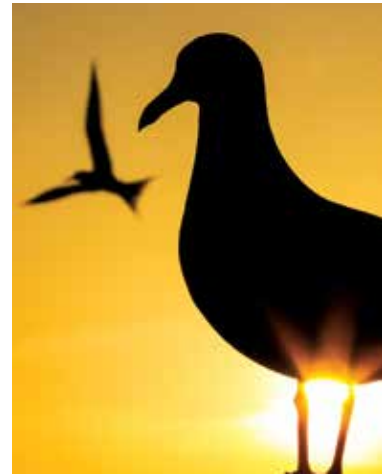


Use your smartphone to watch our **Baja California** video.



“Nowhere else have I seen this variety and number of whales—on a two-week voyage we spotted 13 species. There are thousands of common dolphins, hundreds of bottlenose dolphins and even the largest animals to ever exist on the planet—blue whales. We may observe fin whales, Bryde’s, humpbacks, sperm whales plus killer whales, pilot whales, beaked whales, false killer whales, pygmy sperm whales and spinner dolphins. In no other place can all these be seen together.”

—Jim Kelley, Expedition Leader





BEST TIME, BEST PLACE

WHALES & WILDNESS



A rare and incredible gathering occurs in spring in the upper Sea of Cortez. Pods of dolphins form aggregations of thousands of individuals. An incredible variety of whale species come here, as well as huge schools of mobula rays. We seek out encounters with these diverse marine tribes, relying on our 30+ years of documenting the undersea shelves and channels where they can reliably be found feeding. In addition, we'll hike islands where the shores teem with a cacophony of seabirds, and kayak into quiet grottos with unearthly echoes. See scores of blue-footed boobies and pelicans. Plus stroll the streets of Santa Rosalia, a historic mining town, and enjoy a visit to a local bakery or gelato shop. At the day's end, relax at a beach barbecue, where the campfire's sparks drift towards the stars, and bask in the splendid solitude of Baja.



Clockwise from top: Gull at sunset; a fleet of solo and tandem kayaks allow guests to have personal, up-close encounters with wildness; common dolphins.

WHALES & WILDNESS: SPRING IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ

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PRICES FROM: \$5,690 to \$9,810 (See page 19 for complete prices.)

Watch whales and dolphins from the deck of one of our intimate, 62-guest expedition ships and at water level from nimble expedition landing craft. Spring in the Sea of Cortez is the best time to see large pods of dolphins and various species of whales—blue, sperm, pilot, fin and Bryde’s—all in the same week. Hike uninhabited beaches and desert landscapes. Observe a myriad of seabirds. Kayak in pristine waters, snorkel among reef fish and enjoy the serenity of a sunset beach barbecue under a starry sky. This unique journey is designed with a flexible itinerary, with our staff choosing sites based on conditions and to maximize wildlife sightings, adding a stimulating sense of adventure to each day.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Search for pods of dolphins and various species of whales: blue, fin, sperm, humpback, pilot or Bryde's.
- ▶ Kayak, swim and snorkel with sea lions in pristine waters, and hike diverse desert landscapes.
- ▶ Visit the old mining town of Santa Rosalia, with its wooden homes and a steel church designed by Gustave Eiffel.

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A sperm whale tail fluke.

**DAY 1: LOS ANGELES/LA PAZ, MEXICO/
EMBARK LA PAZ**

Fly into La Paz, embark and set sail on the Sea of Cortez. (D)

DAY 2-7: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Our routing is designed with flexibility in mind, to maximize opportunities for wildlife sightings. It will most likely include the islands and activities listed below, although the order may vary. (B,L,D daily)

ISLAS SAN ESTEBAN AND SAN PEDRO MÁRTIR:

Walk up a desert wash, to search for desert birds and the endemic pinto chuckwalla—a fat, harmless desert lizard. Later visit Isla San Pedro Mártir, a 1,000-foot-high guano-covered island that is home to thousands of seabirds. Blue-footed boobies, red-billed tropicbirds, pelicans and frigatebirds are all found here.

ISLA RASA:

In the spring, one of the great wildlife spectacles of the Sea of Cortez is in full swing at Isla Rasa—the nesting of thousands of Heermann’s gulls and elegant and royal terns. We will go ashore to meet researchers and unobtrusively observe the behavior of these three species.

ISLA SAN MARCOS:

At Isla San Marcos there is a beautiful cove for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. In the

afternoon we are again in rich whale waters, near the mouth of Bahía Concepción where we stand a good chance of sighting several species of whales, particularly fin or sperm.

ISLA SANTA CATALINA:

This morning we’ll search for whales in the waters south of Isla Carmen, an area that has proven to be one of the best for finding blue whales, and often bottlenose and common dolphins. In the afternoon we visit Isla Santa Catalina, famous for its giant barrel cactus and lovely cardon cactus forest. The protected bay of our anchorage is also an excellent site for snorkeling. With a full afternoon here, there is time for swimming, snorkeling and hiking.

LOS ISLOTES AND ISLA ESPÍRITU SANTO:

At Los Islotes, snorkelers have one of life’s great opportunities—swimming with graceful and curious sea lions. With a deeply indented shoreline and dramatically eroded cliff faces, Isla Espíritu Santo is perhaps the most beautiful island in the Sea of Cortez. We have a leisurely afternoon for swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and in the evening, a beach barbecue under the desert sky.

DAY 8: DISEMBARK LA PAZ, MEXICO/LOS ANGELES

Disembark in La Paz and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2015 One date only! April 11



California sea lion.



Guests enjoying sunrise at Isla Rasa.

National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; Observation Deck; partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our "open bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and lunch is often served family style. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, snorkeling gear, wetsuits, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.

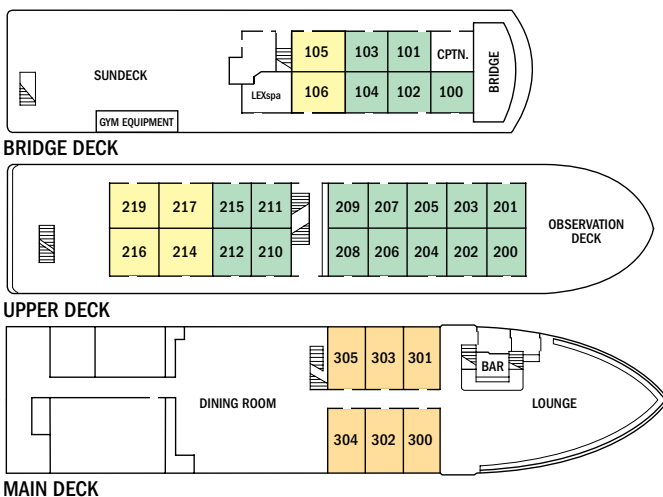
SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Internet access.

A video chronicler, undersea specialist and ship's doctor are on board all voyages.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.



Photos (clockwise): Expedition ship *National Geographic Sea Bird* can access hard to reach locations; twin beds can be pushed together to form a double bed in Category 3 cabins on the Upper Deck; a comfortable Category 2 cabin.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 – Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk and a large view window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 – These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 – These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

NOTE: Sole 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.



Clockwise from left: Dinner is served in single seatings with unassigned tables for easy mingling; Our ship is an excellent platform for photography; The sundeck is a great place for a morning stretch with our wellness specialist; Cuisine onboard is fresh, sustainable and accented with a regional flair.

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

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Wild Islands & Treasures of Baja California - Page 8	2014	\$5,690	\$6,590	\$7,490	\$8,540	\$9,890	\$750	Sample Airfare: Round-trip Los Angeles/Los Cabos/Los Angeles: Economy from \$650.
Baja California and the Sea of Cortez: Among the Great Whales - Page 12	2015	\$5,990	\$6,890	\$7,730	\$8,990	\$10,340	\$750	Sample Airfare: Round-trip Los Angeles/La Paz/Los Angeles: Economy from \$650.
Whales & Wildness: Spring in the Sea of Cortez - Page 16	2015	\$5,690	\$6,540	\$7,490	\$8,540	\$9,810	\$750	Sample Airfare: Round-trip Los Angeles/La Paz/Los Angeles: Economy from \$650.

Special Offers

AIRFARE CREDIT: BOOK BY JULY 31, 2014 AND RECEIVE A \$550 AIR CREDIT. Valid on new bookings only. Not combinable with other offers. Please call for details.

TRAVELING AS A GROUP: Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This saving is applicable on voyage fares only, and not on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payment, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.



What's Included

ABOARD SHIP

- ✓ All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during Recap
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff
- ✓ Environmentally friendly refillable water bottle

ASHORE

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All shore activities
- ✓ Expedition landing craft explorations
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Snorkeling
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
- ✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist

Be part of our expedition community



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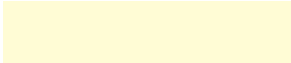
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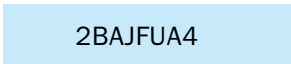
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