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Arctic Edges: Iceland Westfjords to East Greenland

August 2-9, 2026
Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*

Stay to see a Total Solar Eclipse on August 12, 2026



SPECIAL AFFINITY GROUP SAVINGS OFFER



Dear Members and Friends,

For the adventurous explorer, few places on Earth rival the raw, untamed beauty of Iceland's Westfjords and the glacier-carved coasts of Eastern Greenland. Far from the familiar sights of Reykjavík and the Golden Circle, these regions offer a rare and powerful connection to the natural world—where towering cliffs teem with seabirds, waterfalls plunge from misty heights and the air carries the distant thunder of calving glaciers.

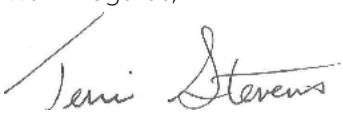
We invite you to join us aboard *National Geographic Explorer* for an extraordinary 8-day expedition that sails deep into these pristine corners of the Arctic. From the tranquil fjords of Iceland's lesser-visited northwest to the iceberg-dotted waters of Greenland's remote east, this voyage is an invitation to discover two of the most secluded and stirring landscapes in the Northern Hemisphere.

Each day promises immersive adventure: hike through wildflower-dotted valleys and along trails leading to dramatic waterfalls, raft a glacial river in the shadow of volcanic peaks or Zodiac cruise past blue-tinged icebergs in the serene silence of an East Greenland fjord. Keep your eyes peeled for humpback whales, seals and—if luck is on our side—even the elusive narwhal.

Throughout the expedition, you'll be accompanied by a veteran team of naturalists, cultural specialists and a National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor, all dedicated to deepening your understanding and appreciation of these extraordinary environments. Their insights, combined with meaningful encounters ashore, deepen our understanding of the people who call these remote regions home.

This expedition is ideal for those who seek something different: not just spectacular scenery, but true exploration. With Reykjavík just a few hours from the east coast of the U.S., this Arctic adventure is more accessible than you might imagine. **To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or call us at (800) 252-4910 for more information.**

Warm regards,



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Save 5% when traveling with Betchart Expeditions. See page 12 for details.

Cover photo: Atlantic puffins, Westfjords, Iceland.
Opposite: The picturesque Dynjandi Waterfall spills across mossy cliffs.

SAIL WILD SHORES OF THE FAR NORTH

Encounter Seldom-Seen Wonders by Ship

There's no better way to explore the wild beauty of Iceland and Greenland than aboard a small expedition ship purpose-built to sail in the world's remote places. While most visitors stay near Reykjavík or Greenland's main settlements, this voyage takes you far off the beaten path—into fjords too narrow for cruise liners, to islands without roads and along coastlines that remain largely untouched.

In Iceland's Westfjords, paddle quiet coves and visit an eider farm on Vigur Island. Then cross the Denmark Strait to Eastern Greenland, where you'll Zodiac cruise among towering icebergs and land at remote sites only accessible by sea.

Scan the horizon for whales and polar bears, connect with residents in tiny villages and experience epic landscapes up close. These are places few travelers ever reach—but aboard *National Geographic Explorer*, you'll have rare, privileged access to them all.



Opposite page (clockwise from top): Glaumbær Farm, where visitors can tour beautifully-preserved turf houses; puffins in Iceland; a humpback flukes in front of a Zodiac expedition in Isafjordur, near Vigur Island, West Iceland. This page: Guests explore by Zodiac in Alpefjord, Northeast Greenland.











NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

The Quintessential Expedition Ship



National Geographic Explorer is an expedition ship that truly lives up to her name. She embodies the expertise that Lindblad Expeditions has developed throughout more than 50 years of exploring the planet's northerly reaches.

This powerful yet intimately scaled ship brings you directly—and safely—into the heart of Arctic wilderness and allows you to experience it in unique and immersive ways. Her bow's low profile gives you an exhilarating vantage point, and a fleet of kayaks and Zodiacs equips you for a journey full of active exploration. Travelers are always welcome on the Bridge, where you can learn the ins and outs of navigation or take a turn at the spotting scope.

Life on Board



The culinary team takes great care to bring Icelandic flavors to the meals you enjoy on board. Savor fresh fish, seasonal produce, berries from coastal farms and Icelandic craft beers. Local food and wellness go hand in hand, and our treatment rooms, saunas and outdoor yoga classes all encourage you to tap into the natural rhythms of your peaceful surroundings. Treatments are tailored to your individual needs, and each of our fully accredited wellness specialists is also a licensed massage therapist.

Opposite page (from top): National Geographic Explorer *navigates the glassy waters near Dynjandi Waterfall in Arnarfjörður, Iceland; an Arctic fox among wildflowers in Westfjords, Iceland. This page: Guests taking in the view from the Bridge; the sauna aboard* National Geographic Explorer.

THE MOST EXPERIENCED TEAM

Travel with Veteran Guides

Each of our guides—from our naturalists to our expedition leaders—is committed to ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. We curate each expedition team to ensure that you are getting in-depth perspectives from veteran and locally based experts who have deeply personal connections to the Arctic. Exploring in small groups, you will have the opportunity to hear different perspectives every day, and because there are no group assignments, you can gravitate toward naturalists who share your interests.

Take Great Photos With the Pros



Photography is central to the expedition experience. A National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor joins our voyage to help you with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field and return home with extraordinary images of the fjords, waterfalls and wildlife that you can revisit for years to come. With the OM System Photo Gear Locker, you can also field test new lenses, camera bodies and more.

Delve into the onboard OM System Photo Gear Locker to field test new lenses, camera bodies and more—free. Plus, ask about pre-voyage discounts and benefits.



Opposite page (from top): Guiding guests beneath the towering cliffs of Iceland's Westfjords; summer wildflowers, Flateyri Harbor, Westfjords, Iceland; observing puffins up close during summer nesting season. This page: Photographer Michael S. Nolan with guests.







Itinerary

Sail into pristine corners of Iceland's Westfjords region and Eastern Greenland, remote areas famed for their fascinating natural features and charismatic wildlife. On this 8-day adventure, actively explore these dynamic shores in a multitude of immersive ways, from hiking past cascading waterfalls to Zodiac cruising through rugged fjords or rafting on a glacial river. Search for whales and seals, walk among prolific seabird colonies and experience enduring traditions on visits to tiny fishing villages steeped in history.

DAY 1: REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND/EMBARK

Arrive in Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital, which lies just below the Arctic Circle. Transfer from the airport to the city and spend the day exploring at your own pace. Check in with the hospitality desk this afternoon before embarking the ship. (D)



DAY 2: DJÚPAVÍK

Enjoy a leisurely morning at sea learning about Iceland and its incredible biodiversity. Join your expedition staff on the bow as you keep watch for the close to 20 different whale species that call the Westfjords home.

Spend the afternoon on the remote eastern side of the Westfjords, boasting spectacular beauty and rich history. The tiny town of Djúpavík earned its place on the map thanks to the herring boom of the early 20th century. In its 1930s heyday, the local herring plant was the largest concrete structure in Iceland. Though the plant closed in 1954, it now serves as a small museum—a lasting reminder of the industry's golden age. Visit to learn about the vital role herring played in shaping Iceland's economy, then choose from a variety of active excursions in the surrounding mountains. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: SKAGAFJÖRÐUR

Skagafjörður is the gateway to North Iceland, known for its glacial rivers, Icelandic horses and saga history. Take a float trip on the Jökulsá River or visit a historic rural turf farm to understand rural life in Iceland, including the iconic Icelandic horses. Finally, learn about Grettir the Strong and the saga named after him by exploring Drangey Island and spotting the multitudes of birds that call the island home, like kittiwakes, shearwaters and possibly even ravens and gyrfalcons. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-5: EAST COAST OF GREENLAND

Cross the Denmark Strait to the remote, rugged shores of Eastern Greenland, where tidewater glaciers calve off the country's vast ice cap. This region offers incredible opportunities to navigate the coastline amongst the ice flowing southward from the North Pole, where Zodiac cruising, kayaking and hiking might all be possible, depending on ice conditions. Designed to offer a glimpse into the dynamic ecosystem Greenland offers, navigate these waters as a modern-day explorer, spend time on the Bridge or at the ship's rail, scanning the landscape and waterline for the unique wildlife that inhabits this remote region. Keep watch for humpbacks, beluga whales and seals as well as the elusive narwhal and polar bear. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6-7: WESTFJORDS OF ICELAND

Explore the serene and scenic Westfjords of Iceland, beginning with a visit to Ísafjarðardjúp and the charming island of Vigur. Here, you'll tour a traditional eider farm and learn about the centuries-old process of collecting and cleaning eiderdown. The island is also home to thriving bird colonies, including a puffin colony supported through a collaborative project between Lindblad Expeditions and the island's owners—an effort to create a safer habitat for the birds and improve research facilities for local scientists. The next day, explore yet another stunning, remote fjord, where expedition activities may include hikes along coastal trails leading to a dramatic waterfall. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK

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

REYKJAVÍK'S GOLDEN CIRCLE & BLUE LAGOON PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION • 2 Days/1 Night

Extend your stay in Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital. Enjoy the surreal Blue Lagoon and soak in its nutrient-rich waters. Continue to Iceland's famed Golden Circle to visit Geysir, site of the spouting water vent for which the phenomenon is named. See one of the most active geysers in the area, and then feel the icy spray of Gullfoss, a spectacular two-tiered waterfall.



Relaxing in the geothermal hot springs at Blue Lagoon, Iceland

National Geographic Explorer



Designed for in-depth exploration, she is the definitive expedition ship, capable of navigating both polar passages and temperate waters. Fully stabilized and with an ice-strengthened hull, she provides exceptional comfort, while her dynamic suite of exploration features—including an interactive chart room, a high observation lounge and a low-profile bow with dramatic views—reflect a dedication to curiosity and wonder.

Capacity

81 outside cabins and suites accommodating 148 guests.

Registry

Bahamas.

Overall Length

367 feet.

Public areas

Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; Global Gallery; library; lounge with photo kiosks, full-service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear; OM System Photo Gear Locker; laundry; and observation lounge. An open Bridge enables guests to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

Meals

Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu is international with local flair.

Accommodations

All cabins and suites face outside with windows or portholes, and have a private bathroom and climate controls. Equipped with Wi-Fi, multiple electrical outlets, USB outlets, full-length mirror and phones.



Category 7 suite with balcony.

TV featuring entertainment on demand, live feed from onboard presentations, bow camera and ship's position. Luxury bed linens and pillows. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and lotion. Newly updated suites are enhanced with a sleek, Scandinavian design, and hold a Command Center that allows guests to explore from the comfort of their rooms. Command Centers include a barometer, a *National Geographic Atlas* and an espresso maker.

Expedition Equipment

Zodiacs, kayaks, remotely operated vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, crow's nest remote-controlled camera, video microscope.

Staff & Crew

Every staff member is committed to ensuring guests have an unforgettable experience. Many of the veteran guides and naturalists are locally based in your destination and have worked with the company for decades. A full-time medical professional, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer and a National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor are on board, and with a high staff-to-guest ratio, you can hear different perspectives and gain new insights every day.

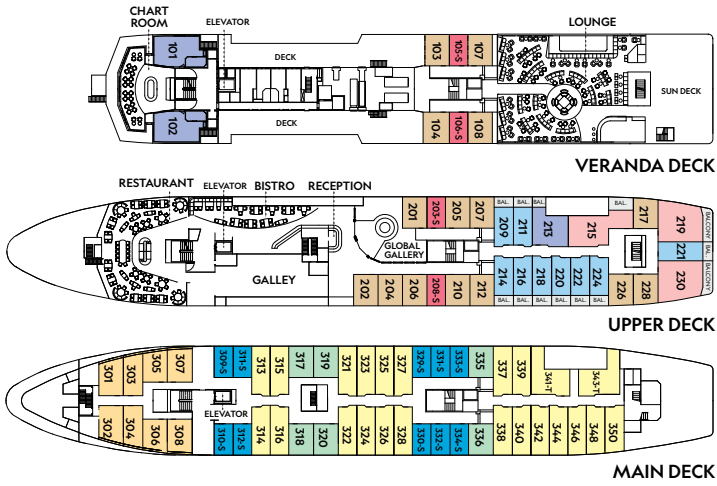


Fitness center with panoramic views.

Wellness

The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, LEXspa treatment room and sauna.

Ship Deck Plan & Pricing



Voyage Dates

August 2-9, 2026

Advance Payment Details

$3,000 per person

Costs are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo. **5% Savings**

Category 1	~~$9,044~~	$8,592
Main Deck — With one or two portholes #301-308		
Category 2	~~$10,661~~	$10,128
Main Deck — With window #317-320, 335-336		
Category 3	~~$11,109~~	$10,554
Main Deck — With window #313-316, 321-328, 337-344, 346, 348, 350		
Category 4	~~$12,684~~	$12,050
Upper & Veranda Decks — With window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228		
Category 5*	~~$13,762~~	$13,074
Upper Deck — With balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224		
Category 6*	~~$16,485~~	$15,661
Veranda Deck — Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213		
Category 7*	~~$19,096~~	$18,141
Upper Deck — Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230		
Category A Solo	~~$13,272~~	$12,609
Main Deck — With window #309-312, 329-334		
Category B Solo	~~$13,853~~	$13,161
Upper & Veranda Decks — With window #105-106, 203, 208		

***Suite Exclusives:** The Suite Exclusives package gives guests staying in eligible cabins access to an array of amenities designed to enhance your on-board experience, including priority booking for spa treatments, complimentary laundry and other exclusive perks.

Shared Accommodations: Available in Categories 1 and 2.
Solo Occupancy: Cabins available in Categories A and B.

Note: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306 have one queen-size bed. All other double cabins have two single beds; some can convert to a queen-size bed. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate. Cabins #341, 343, 101, 102, 215, 219 and 230 can accommodate a third person.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and airport transfers, as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced where possible
- 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Beer, wine, cocktails and spirits. Premium wines and liquors available for purchase
- The guidance and company of our leading expedition team
- Presentations by our expedition staff
- Crew gratuities
- Complimentary heritage jacket and reusable water bottle
- The services of a medical professional
- 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library and other shared spaces
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to the fitness center
- Assistance by the onboard photo instructor
- Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try out aboard ship
- Special access permits, park and site entrance fees, and port taxes
- Selection of exploration tools, such as Zodiacs, kayaks and other state-of-the-art gear
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL OFFERS

SPECIAL AFFINITY GROUP SAVINGS: Save 5% on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with Betchart Expeditions. Valid on this departure date of *Arctic Edges: Iceland Westfjords to East Greenland*, 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.

BRINGING THE KIDS: Take $500 off for each child under the age of 18 at the time of travel. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

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. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

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

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; meals not indicated; private transfers; travel protection plan; passport, visa and immigration fees; items of a personal nature such as premium wines or liquors, laundry, spa treatments, enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans and phone services.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of $3,000 per person is payable by 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: Travel and medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you upon registration.

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

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 other 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.

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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.*
We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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Reservation Form

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Passenger Information

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: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend
☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

☐ Please send me information on the **Reykjavík's Golden Circle & Blue Lagoon** extension.

Advance Payment Information: $3,000 per person.

Please make check payable to: **Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account**

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _____

☐ I/We have read the Terms and Conditions for the program and agree to them:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Membership: ☐ AAAS ☐ Sigma Xi ☐ ACS ☐ Planetary Society ☐ Other

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the rich biodiversity of the remote Westfjords, spotting nesting puffins along the coast and watching for humpback and minke whales in the surrounding waters.
- Navigate the ice-filled shores and glacier-carved fjords of East Greenland while keeping a watchful eye for whales and other elusive marine life.
- Take a challenging hike on an island plateau or a thrilling whitewater rafting trip in Skagafjordur, known for its stunning geologic formations.
- Kids and teens will delve deeper into the region's natural wonders with National Geographic Explorers-in-Training, our exclusive family program.



LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS: 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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