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EXPLORING BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS



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EXPEDITIONS

October 15-22, 2027 | Aboard the *National Geographic Quest*

SPECIAL OFFER: 5% GROUP SAVINGS



Dear Members and Friends,

For centuries, the sheltered waterways of British Columbia and the San Juan Islands have served as vital corridors for Indigenous peoples, seafarers and the abundant marine life that thrives along this coast. Today, these intricate passages remain among the most fascinating places to experience the Pacific Northwest, offering a compelling mix of maritime traditions, vibrant communities and landscapes shaped by the enduring relationship between people and place.

We invite you to join us aboard the *National Geographic Quest* for an immersive expedition through this remarkable corner of North America. Purpose-built for discovery, this state-of-the-art expedition ship is suited to navigate the region's narrow channels and island-studded waterways, while providing a comfortable and inviting home base throughout the voyage.

A veteran expedition team of naturalists, cultural specialists and a National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photo instructor accompanies the journey, offering expert perspectives on the area's natural history and cultural heritage. Their knowledge enriches every experience, from interpreting wildlife behavior and marine ecosystems to illuminating the cultural traditions and contemporary life of the coastal communities you visit.

Whether searching for humpbacks and orcas from the bow, exploring secluded coves by Zodiac and kayak, or visiting coastal villages and cultural centers, you'll experience the many dimensions of life along this remarkable coast. This is a voyage that combines spectacular scenery, rich cultural traditions and meaningful exploration, revealing the Pacific Northwest through the perspectives of those who know it best.

To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or contact us at **(800) 252-4910, (408) 252-4910 or info@betchartexpeditions.com.**

Warm regards,

Terri Stevens
Expedition Manager
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Exploring British Columbia and the San Juan Islands

8 Days | From \$5,843pp

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Discover the pristine wilderness, First Nations history and seaside communities of the Pacific Northwest. Trace the coast from Seattle to British Columbia to explore isolated coves and archipelagos by kayak and Zodiac, and venture ashore to hike through misty forests. Explore among lush Islands, keeping an eye out for marine mammals and bald eagles; visit picturesque coastal towns; and learn about the native cultures that call this region home.



Day 1 • Seattle / Embark Ship

Day 2 • Victoria, British Columbia

Day 3 • Desolation Sound

Day 4 • Johnstone Strait / Alert Bay

Day 5 • Exploring the Gulf Islands

Day 5 • Friday Harbor

Day 5 • Exploring the San Juan Islands

Day 8 • Seattle / Disembark Ship

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

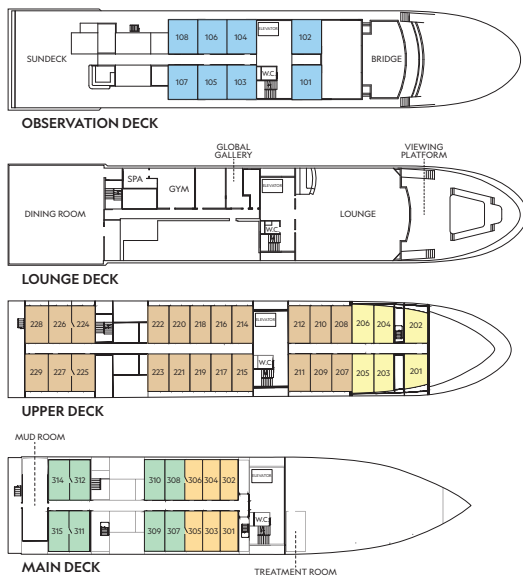
- Explore remote islands by kayak or on foot, watching for sea lions, river otters, bald eagles and white-sided dolphins.
- Glide into the sheltered waters of Desolation Sound, discovering its natural beauty by Zodiac, kayak or paddleboard.
- Visit a cultural center in Alert Bay to see a collection of potlatch masks created by the Kwakwaka'wakw people.
- Search for humpbacks and orcas in British Columbia, and learn about local populations from a researcher with the Center for Whale Research.
- In lovely Victoria, tour private gardens, take a bike ride and enjoy a private evening event at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.



National Geographic Quest

The *National Geographic Quest* accommodates 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and is ideal for the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of Pan-American waters. Modern and clean-lined, with large expanses of glass to take in the extraordinary views, the *National Geographic Quest* enables guests to experience the best of her geographies.

SHIP DECK PLAN & PRICING



VOYAGE DATE: OCTOBER 15-22, 2027

Advance Payment Details: \$3,000 per person

Prices are per person, double-occupancy unless indicated as solo		5% Savings	
Category 1	Main Deck #301-306 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.	\$6,150	\$5,843
Category 2	Main Deck #307-315 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.	\$6,580	\$6,251
Category 3	Upper Deck #201-206 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two large windows.	\$7,040	\$6,688
Category 4	Upper Deck #207-229 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door and small, private balcony.	\$8,450	\$8,028
Category 5*	Observation Deck #101-108 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, large windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.	\$9,300	\$8,835
Category 1 Solo	Main Deck #301-306	\$9,225	\$8,764
Category 2 Solo	Main Deck #307-315	\$9,870	\$9,377

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 Betchart Expeditions. Valid on this departure date of *Exploring British Columbia and the San Juan Islands*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

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
- 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: 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 \$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: 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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Contact Information

Please send reservation to:

Betchart Expeditions, Inc.
17050 Montebello Road
Cupertino, CA 95014

Phone: (800) 252-4910 or (408) 252-4910

E-mail: info@betchartexpeditions.com

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: _____

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: \$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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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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