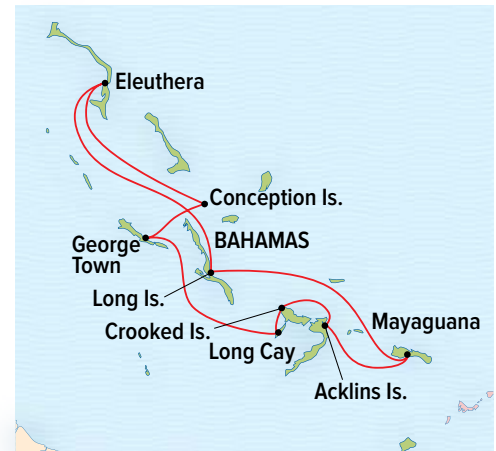


## EXPLORING THE BAHAMAS' OUT ISLANDS: NATURAL WONDERS & HIDDEN HISTORY

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS | ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION*  
FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 6, 2022



Beyond the all-inclusive resorts, the Bahamas is truly wild at heart. This archipelago of more than 700 islands—of which only about 30 are inhabited—is home to blue holes and thick mangrove forests, coral reefs, and spectacular beaches. Discover the Bahamas' wild side on a voyage to some of its most far-flung islands and hear an intriguing history of pirates, pilgrims, lost civilizations, and the slave trade. Snorkel with abundant sea life in warm turquoise waters, explore waterways by kayak, and get introduced to the islands' terrestrial flora and fauna on guided walks in nature reserves. Our exploration of these remote islands supports national park management as well as local conservation initiatives including habitat restoration, wildlife monitoring, and education to foster awareness of the incredible diversity of the Bahamas.



### DAY 1: George Town, The Exumas, Bahamas

Arrive into George Town on the island of Great Exuma, and transfer to the *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Settle into your cabin, and meet the crew as we set off on our Bahamian adventure. (D)

### DAY 2: Crooked Island/Long Cay

This morning, we arrive at Crooked Island, anchoring near Long Cay. After breakfast, we'll take Zodiacs to shore to kayak Turtle Sound, an aquamarine waterway that cuts deep into the island. The sound draws sea turtles in search of calm waters, and we may see them surfacing as we paddle. The mangroves at the water's edge make for great birding opportunities as well. This afternoon, gear up for our first snorkeling excursion, watching for schools of amberjacks, wrasses, and maybe a sea turtle as we swim over the reefs off Crooked Island. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: Acklins Island

Separated from Crooked Island by a three-mile wide channel, Acklins Island has been at different times in its history the haunt of pirates, an island of cotton plantations where enslaved people toiled, and, some say, an early stop on Christopher Columbus's first voyage. This morning, walk across the island at its most narrow section and explore the fishing settlements on the lagoon side. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon of paddleboarding, kayaking, and snorkeling. (B,L,D)



**DAY 4: Mayaguana**

The easternmost island in the Bahamas, Mayaguana is the name given to the island by the original inhabitants of the Bahamas, the Lucayan people. On a morning walk on this rugged and remote island, learn about its history and the lost Lucayan culture. Keep an eye out for wildlife such as Bartsch’s iguanas, West Indian flamingoes, royal terns, and Wilson’s plovers. In the afternoon, return to the magical undersea, snorkeling amid an extraordinarily diverse population of reef fish including blue tangs and princess parrotfish. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: Long Island**

We’ll make our way back to the central islands of the Bahamas overnight and wake up in Long Island. Enjoy a full day of water activities here, including snorkeling, kayaking, and paddleboarding in the vast lagoon that stretches along the island’s coast. Take Zodiac cruises along the shore, stopping to explore when we find interesting wildlife or sites. (B,L,D)



**DAY 6: Eleuthera**

Measuring 100 miles long but rarely more than two miles wide, Eleuthera is an island of pink sand beaches and wild landscapes. It was first settled in 1648 by a group of Brits known as the “Eleutheran Adventurers” who were escaping religious persecution. Today, visit the innovative Island School, which uses a unique, hands-on approach to teach science, conservation, and sustainability to international and Bahamian high school students. After lunch on board, choose to go snorkeling or learn about the island’s terrestrial flora and fauna while walking the trails of Leon Levy Native Plant Reserve. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: Conception Island**

This morning, land on a white-sand beach on Conception Island, an uninhabited island that is now a national park. Set off on an easy hike, looking for tropicbirds and boobies that nest here, as well as many other bird species. The island is laced with creeks that we can access with our Zodiacs when conditions are right. Enjoy a final chance to snorkel in the rich waters surrounding Conception. This evening, toast our Bahamian adventure with a cocktail on the beach. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: George Town, Exumas/Home**

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to George Town Airport for your flight home. (B)



**SPECIAL OFFER:**

- Take \$500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.						
DEPARTURE	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT
Feb. 27-Mar. 6, 2022	\$5,590	\$6,380	\$7,160	\$8,390	\$9,560	\$1,000



**RESERVATION FORM:**  
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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(As it appears on passport)*

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*(Preferred name for name badge)*

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*(As it appears on passport)*

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:  Double  Single  Twin share w/friend  
 Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Payment Information:** US \$1,000 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



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA LION

**CAPACITY:** 31 outside cabins accommodating 62 guests.

**OVERALL LENGTH:** 152 feet.

**REGISTRY:** United States.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** The ship features a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables; and LEXspa. An open Bridge provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfasts are wide-selection buffets, and lunches are often served family style. Dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

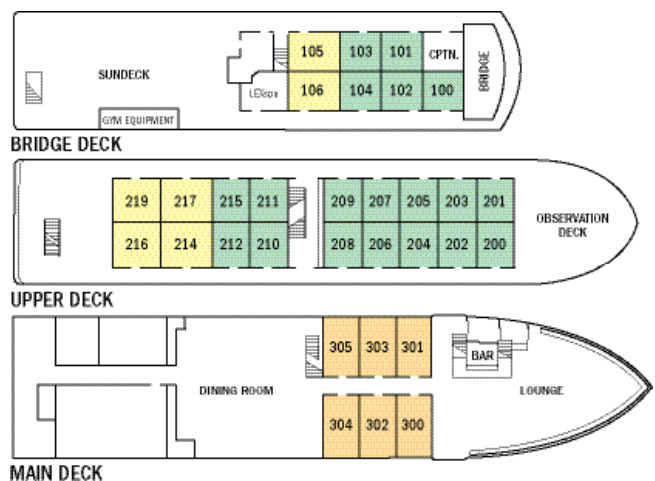
**CABINS:** All face outside with windows, private facilities, and climate controls.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** Zodiacs, kayaks, bow camera, hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest Wi-Fi access. A certified photo instructor and a video chronicler are on board.

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

**SELF-DISINFECTING SHIPS:** Lindblad Expeditions became the first self-disinfecting fleet with the rollout of the ACT CleanCoat™ system in 2019. This photocatalytic cleaning process activates when illuminated, continuously breaking down unwanted microbes such as bacteria, viruses, mold, and airborne allergens. The positive environmental impacts of this non-toxic, chemical-free system are many: less plastic in the supply chain and waste stream, and more than one million gallons of water saved annually. The system lowers our carbon footprint and creates a cleaner, healthier shipboard environment for guests and crew alike.



**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #300-305 — Conveniently positioned between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two lower single beds 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 and a 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:** 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.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**COST INCLUDES:** The rates include all accommodations aboard ship; all meals and non-alcoholic beverages aboard ship; all shore excursions per itinerary, sightseeing and entrance fees; use of expedition equipment; round-trip transfers for guests using group flights; local transportation to/from sites of interest; gratuities to local guides and drivers; services of our expedition staff and ship physician. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; passport and visa expenses if necessary; travel protection plan; optional extensions; individual transfers; meals not indicated; discretionary gratuities to the ship's crew; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, Wi-Fi, voyage chronicle, and laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost. Sample fares: Round-trip Miami/Bahamas: Economy from \$350; Business from \$685. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee. Fares subject to change.

**RESERVATIONS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of US\$1000 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Payment is due 90 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.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country 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.

**SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY:** Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the 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.

**NOTE:** Itinerary and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time of booking. However, the 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, the right is reserved 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.

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CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	\$450
119–90 days	Advance payment cost
89–60 days	25% of trip cost
59–45 days	50% of trip cost
44–0 days	No refund
<i>This policy applies to the voyage only. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</i>	