LAND OF THE ICE BEARS
AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD
June 11-21, 2016
Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dear Lab of Ornithology and CAU Friends,

Under the midnight sun, near Europe’s northernmost point, lies the Svalbard archipelago, known only to the adventurous few. It is a pristine land of towering glaciers, lapidary fjords, teeming bird colonies, huddles of walrus hauled out on pebbled beaches, and reindeer grazing on tundra ablaze with wildflowers.

It is also the best place on the planet to see polar bears—wild, majestic, in the spectacular landscape of the pack ice. Symbol of the Arctic, the polar bear is now the best representative of what we stand to lose: wonder, majesty, ice.

You’ll travel there in safety and comfort aboard the ice-strengthened National Geographic Explorer, along with the best ice team in the world, exceptional shipboard naturalists and instructors, and Cornell faculty leader Scott Taylor, seabird specialist and superb evolutionary biologist. With a range of innovative tools for exploring, including a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks for up-close adventures, the Explorer is the perfect platform for discovering all the fascinating aspects of the Arctic.

Join us and like-minded travelers, June 11-21, 2016, for an unforgettable exploration of the High Arctic. To reserve your place, please send in the reservation form or call Cornell’s Adult University at 607.255.6260.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Penner
Director
Cornell’s Adult University

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Sean B. Scanlon
Senior Director for Philanthropy
The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

**CORNELL FACULTY LEADER**

Scott A. Taylor joined the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in 2012 as a Fuller Evolutionary Biology Postdoctoral Fellow and was recently awarded the prestigious Banting postdoctoral fellowship from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada to continue his work on avian hybridization and speciation at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. He earned his PhD from Queen’s University, where he studied the ecology and evolution of South American seabirds, including the charismatic Blue-footed and Peruvian boobies. He has worked extensively as a naturalist, leading groups of all ages on foot and by canoe to explore the diversity of forests and wetlands. He has co-taught field courses on topics ranging from amphibian and reptile diversity and conservation to avian conservation biology. Scott is an enthusiastic and dedicated scientist and educator and a passionate natural historian at heart. And speaking of hearts (as well as minds), he won those of CAU participants on one cruise from Sierra Leone to Patagonia via Ascension Island and on another to Antarctica last December. It is a joy to travel and study with Scott.

Cover photo: Polar bear. © Paul Nicken.
Left: Guests can explore the Arctic independently via sturdy kayaks.
Ship's Registry: Bahamas
BEARS IN THE LANDSCAPE

Few experiences are as profound as locating and observing bears in Arctic Svalbard. To be on the National Geographic Explorer in the Arctic, maneuvered with near-surgical precision by a skilled ice master as it draws close to a bear hunting on the pack ice or a mother bear instructing her young cubs, is simply enthralling. To be able to hover there, observing these creatures that remain completely undisturbed by the people gazing raptly from the deck rail or by their whirring camera motor drives, is one of life’s most inspiring and satisfying experiences. Every shot featured in this brochure was taken during previous Arctic voyages, and every guest aboard witnessed these same scenes.
Ace spotters like Stefan Lundgren have an uncanny ability to scan vast expanses of featureless ice and distinguish the telltale tinge of ivory against white that says “bear.” Together with the skilled captain, they guide us in close for thrilling observations.
Guests on the lookout as National Geographic Explorer nimbly maneuvers through the pack ice.
THE PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORING THE ARCTIC

Through the agility of National Geographic Explorer and the skill of her captain, we can experience unprecedented encounters in the Arctic, a region of infinite, subtle beauty and an astonishing diversity of life. This is not the passive state of cruising; this is active engagement with the environment and its creatures. It’s not mere looking; it’s seeing and then turning to companion experts for answers to questions, or a sense of context—especially valuable in the High Arctic which plays such a role in the climate change discussion. You’ll return a more informed citizen of the planet, better able to participate in the worldwide conversation about the environment.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER’S TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

✓ Fully stabilized with an ice-reinforced hull
✓ A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can explore the ocean at depths up to 1,000 feet
✓ A remote-controlled crow’s nest camera with real-time footage broadcast on high-definition LCD video screens within each cabin
✓ An electronic chart system that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
✓ A chart room with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
✓ Open invitation to visit the bridge
✓ The observation lounge, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations
✓ 13 Zodiacs and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation
✓ 36 double kayaks that allow guests to explore pristine environments
✓ A professional video chronicler to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase
Go with us for a genuinely exploratory experience. Thanks to Explorer’s tools and expert staff, you can actively engage. Savor the thrill of crunching through the pack ice. Kayak for eye-level encounters. Zodiac where few have gone before. Search for walruses, whales, and polar bears. Discover the undersea. Shoot with an onboard National Geographic photographer and more.
Despite the fact that all companies claim to have knowledgeable experts on board, it simply isn’t, in all cases, true. Over the 45+ years of Lindblad Expedition’s history, the quality of their veteran staff and their companionship is the reason their name is known and respected for top-quality expeditions. And with a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard, there is no better team anywhere. The staff composition ensures a diverse range of expertise—naturalists, ornithologists, marine biologists, polar historians, and more. They invest significantly to keep a minimum guest-to-staff ratio of 10:1. Guests are not herded around in large groups, but can gravitate naturally to the staffers they’re most interested in. Guests often comment on how actively the staff participates in the experience, and how personable and accessible they are. Their enthusiasm makes this High Arctic expedition uniquely informative and fun.

Seeing Beneath the Ice

The world under the Arctic ice is as spectacular and diverse as the icescape. You’ll experience it through underwater video equipment, including a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). An undersea specialist dives, then displays the images he captures on HD TVs while you’re winding down in the ship’s comfortable lounge.
A high Arctic archipelago situated between Norway and the North Pole, Svalbard is a place of deep fjords, snowcapped mountains, massive sheets of ice, and magnificent polar bears. Travel under the midnight sun aboard the National Geographic Explorer, and experience nature in its purest form.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY
Depart on an overnight flight to Oslo. Upon arrival, check into the Thon Hotel Bristol (or similar). Explore this charming city, and stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced parkland. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen.

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK
Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. Embark National Geographic Explorer, your base for the next six days. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4–9: EXPLORING SVALBARD
This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of discovery, and our travel in the archipelago is exploratory by design. In a region ruled not by humans but by polar bears, we let nature guide our course. Svalbard lies north of the Arctic Circle, where the summer midnight sun never sets. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe
the ice in search of wildlife. Our exact day-to-day itinerary remains flexible, depending on local ice and weather conditions. Zodiacs and kayaks take us closer to experience the region’s geologic features and the wildlife that flourishes during the summer months. With our National Geographic photographer and a seasoned naturalist staff, venture to the foot of vast tidewater glaciers, kayak among sparkling icebergs, and explore fjords that split the coastline. Hike through miniature gardens blooming on the tundra; and search the edge of the pack ice for polar bears, walruses, seals, reindeer, and arctic foxes. Nowhere can the polar bear be seen more reliably in its natural environment than here. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO**

In Longyearbyen, the largest settlement in Svalbard, disembark and enjoy time to explore. Founded by an American coal executive in 1906, this is one of the northernmost human settlements on Earth. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 11: OSLO/FLY TO U.S.** (B)

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

- **Norway’s Fjords, Pre-voyage, 5 Days**
- **Iceland’s Natural Wonders, Post-voyage, 4 Days**

For details, call Cornell’s Adult University at 607.255.6260.
National Geographic Explorer

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet.

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. It is a fully stabilized ice-class vessel, with an Ice-1A Class rating on the forward hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An undersea specialist operates a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated undersea video equipment, extending access to the underwater world.

PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows, and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. 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. Menu is international with local flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, remote-controlled Crow’s Nest camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, internet café and laundry.

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

From top: Example of an upper deck cabin with balcony; the sauna is a perfect way to end the day; standard bathrooms are stocked with a hair dryer, terrycloth robes, and deluxe amenities.
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless otherwise indicated as solo.

**Category 1:** $10,145
Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**Category 2:** $10,785
Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

**Category 3:** $11,195
Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**Category 4:** $11,845
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**Category 5:** $13,925
Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**Category 6:** $16,205
Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

**Category 7:** $18,475
Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**Category A Solo:** $13,405
Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**Category B Solo:** $13,915
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**Category 3 Triple:** *
Main Deck with window #341, 343

*THIRD PERSON RATES: 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.

SOLE OCCUPANCY CABINS: Available in Categories A and B.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306—These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed.
What’s Included

ABOARD SHIP
✓ Accommodations
✓ All meals & nonalcoholic beverages
✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
✓ Wine with dinner
✓ Hors d’oeuvres & snacks during nightly Recap
✓ Cappuccinos & complimentary refillable water bottle
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ Sauna & small swimming pool
✓ Fitness center
✓ The guidance & company of Scott Taylor & expedition staff
✓ All gratuities

ASHOME
✓ Hotel accommodations with breakfast
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

ACTIVITIES
✓ All shore activities
✓ Zodiac explorations
✓ Kayaking
✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
✓ Photo instruction
✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist

Special Offer

Bring the Kids: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

Cornell’s Terms and Conditions

Expedition Cost Includes: Accommodations aboard ship; two hotel nights with breakfast in Oslo; all meals aboard ship; nonalcoholic beverages and wine with dinner aboard ship; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and all gratuities; services of a ship physician and Lindblad’s expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation between hometown/Oslo and Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo; meals not indicated; extensions; passport and visa fees; baggage/accident/travel protection plan; voyage DVD; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages (except wine with dinner), email, telephone calls, and laundry.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Oslo: Economy from $1,100; Business from $3,700; Charter flights Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo: $725 per person (must be ticketed by Lindblad). Lindblad 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 $1,200 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check.

Final Payment: Due December 4, 2015.

Travel Protection Plan: Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost Information will be sent upon registration.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Maritime Enterprises 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.

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. Lindblad Maritime Enterprises reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the actual cost of fuel.

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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
Reservation Form: Land of the Ice Bears
Aboard National Geographic Explorer — June 11-21, 2016

Please reserve __________ place(s).

Name 1: ____________________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)
Name 1: __________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Name 2: ____________________________________________________________________________
(As it appears on passport)
Name 2: __________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________
(Preferred name for name badge)

Street Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: ________

Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________
Business 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: __________________________

Please send me information on the:
□ Iceland extension □ Norway’s Fjords extension

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ________________ (US$1,200 per person).
Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

□ Charge my advance payment of $ ________________ (US$1,200 per person)
to my □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express.

Account Number: __________________________ Expires: __________________________

Cardholder Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Search for the very symbol of the Arctic—the polar bear—and observe these majestic creatures in their natural habitat, on the sea ice.

» Take naturalist-led walks, and cruise among beautiful icebergs in a Zodiac or a kayak.

» Experience the legendary midnight sun: the ethereal light of the northern summer, when the sun never sets.

» Watch for walruses, bearded and ringed seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.