LAND OF THE ICE BEARS
AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD
JUNE 2-12, 2019 | ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

Featuring Dr. Susan Lozier of Duke’s Nicholas School of the Environment

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SVALBARD—THE PLACE ON EARTH WHERE WE MOST RELIABLY FIND BEARS

“You’re hoping for a bear encounter, but nothing is guaranteed. Then to be face to face with it, having this intimacy with an animal that you’ve heard so much about—it just felt deeply personal.”

— Guest, June 2017
DEAR DUKE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Timeless and essential, wild and beautiful, the Arctic is mythic—providing the thrill of pure discovery in pure wildness. Our voyage aboard the 81-cabin National Geographic Explorer delivers the best of the Arctic—featuring the ‘capital’ of Arctic nature: Svalbard. Svalbard is one of the few places on Earth where the polar bear can be reliably found in its natural environment. And spotting a polar bear in the wild is a chance to experience the Arctic on a visceral level.

With years of Arctic exploration, Explorer’s ace spotters know how to find isbjorn, the ice bear. The captain is able to approach the animals—respectfully—for optimal sightings. They have learned their behavior, understand how they tend to move in the pack ice, and consequently, know where to find them—to deliver the thrill for you.

The Arctic also offers many other utterly fascinating things—a waterfall gushing from a great glacier terminus, throngs of seabirds, blankets of wildflowers, iconic reindeer and walrus, and the chance of spotting several species of whales.

You’ll travel there in safety and comfort aboard an ice-strengthened expedition ship along with a top-notch ice team. With innovative tools for exploring, including a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks, Explorer is the perfect mobile platform for discovering the Arctic. An onboard team of expert naturalists, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor all help you explore and capture every facet of your journey. You will also be joined by Susan Lozier, Duke Professor of Earth and Ocean Sciences, who will enhance this already rich educational experience.

Join us and experience the joy of observing a beautiful animal secure in its native habitat, and of the elegiac ache at the prospect of what looms, given melting ice. Note your bar tab and tips to the crew will be included on this voyage. To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call (919) 684-2988.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels, Duke Alumni Association

M. SUSAN LOZIER
Ronie-Richelle Garcia-Johnson Professor of Earth and Ocean Sciences

Susan Lozier is a physical oceanographer with interests in large-scale ocean circulation. Upon completion of her PhD at the University of Washington, she was a postdoctoral scholar at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She has been a member of the Duke faculty since 1992. Professor Lozier was the recipient of an NSF Early Career Award in 1996, was awarded a Bass Chair for Excellence in Research and Teaching in 2000, received a Duke University Award for Excellence in Mentoring in 2007, was named an American Meteorological Society Fellow in 2008, a Distinguished Professor in 2012, a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union in 2014, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2015. She currently serves as the President of The Oceanography Society and is the international lead for the OSNAP (Overturning in the Subpolar North Atlantic Program) observing system.

Cover photo: Polar bear on pack ice, Svalbard.
Left: Guests in a Zodiac approach near a glacier in Spitsbergen.
Ship’s Registry: Bahamas
THE ARCTIC: NATURE IN ITS PUREST FORM

A mere 600 miles from the North Pole, located in Norway’s High Arctic, Svalbard is true wilderness, a pristine blue-white 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.

We explore the Svalbard archipelago to observe one of the most magisterial sights on Earth: a polar bear, in its element, ranging over the pack ice, hunting for seals. The ace spotters will do whatever it takes—from manning the spotting scopes round the clock, to disturbing your sleep with a gentle ‘bear alert’—to make sure you don’t miss the thrill of seeing a lone male, or a mother with cubs, gaze up at you with curiosity and no fear at all. They will also skillfully guide your gaze to the walrus, reindeer, Arctic foxes, whales, gyrfalcons, and 60 species of birds that fill the sea, sky, and land with exuberant life in our splendid season in the Arctic.
Clockwise: Polar bear and cubs on the pack ice; Atlantic walrus hauled out on ice floe; glacier terminus, Svalbard; bearded seal; a reindeer lopes along the tundra.
National Geographic Explorer is the only expedition ship designed and equipped by individuals with a collective 175 years of expedition experience. Through the ship’s agility and the skill of her captain, you can experience unprecedented encounters with beauty, wildness, and serenity in the Arctic. Explorer is the best-equipped expedition ship in the world, featuring exceptional accoutrements that make her an excellent base for exploration. A fleet of MK-5 Zodiacs, the finest expedition landing craft available, and 36 stable sea kayaks allow for up-close discovery, while state-of-the-art undersea video technology offers a unique opportunity to see beneath the ocean’s surface while staying dry.

National Geographic Explorer provides a welcoming home in the remote Arctic. She is a beautiful ship, built with careful attention to details and comfort. Her 81 cabins, including many with balconies, are well-appointed and relaxing, while her public spaces, with their expansive windows, maintain a dialogue with the sea and the scenery. And she fosters an intimate, learning-oriented expedition environment. This is not the passive state of cruising; this is active engagement with the environment and its creatures, 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 vital role in the climate change discussion.

Opposite (clockwise from top): Guests take in the magnificent scenery from their Upper Deck suite balcony; the mudroom provides ample space to gear up for each day’s outing; Zodiac cruise offers eye-level view of glacier; Explorer can safely navigate polar passages; kayaking along Svalbard’s pristine coast.
TRAVEL WITH AN A+ EXPEDITION TEAM

Your expedition leader is an outstanding individual, who guides and motivates the team of naturalists, such as marine biologists, geologists, ornithologists, botanists, and undersea specialists, who accompany your voyage. They help you spot polar bears in the vast whiteness of the Arctic pack ice to deliver insightful observations, and experience the thrill of genuine discovery. Their commitment and passion engage you, and their extensive knowledge and experience illuminates the facets of all you see and do during your expedition. In addition, a wellness specialist helps you benefit from the tonic of wellness, while a video chronicler records the entire voyage, creating a permanent record.

SHOOT WITH TOP PROS

Whether you think of yourself as a photographer or simply want to capture the moments at the heart of your voyage, you’ll take your best photos ever on this voyage. A top National Geographic photographer is on board to provide inspiration and advice gleaned over the course of a significant career. Plus, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor is at your service to help you understand your camera and its settings, the basics of composition, and how to capture the scenery and wildlife along your journey. And regardless of your skill level, you’ll return home a more confident photographer with fantastic photos.

Be sure to visit the B&H Locker aboard ship to try out new, top-quality photo gear—with our compliments.

Opposite (clockwise from top): Guests photographing polar bears; ace spotter scans the ice for bears; naturalists point out wildlife during Zodiac outings; undersea specialist lowers ROV to capture undersea images for playback in the lounge.
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11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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 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 Clarion Hotel, The HUB. Explore this charming city, and stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures—hundreds of life-size human figures set in terraced Frogner Park. Visit the Fram Museum, dedicated to the wooden ship sailed by Norwegian explorers Nansen and Amundsen. (Day 2: B,D)

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK
Depart Oslo on a charter flight, and enjoy breathtaking vistas en route to Longyearbyen. On arrival, visit the Svalbard Museum to learn the history of Svalbard from 17th-century whaling to modern mining, research, and tourism. Then tour the Gallery Svalbard to view the permanent art and cultural collections as well as studios of local artists. 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 a 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 close to experience the region’s geologic features and the wildlife that flourishes during the summer months. With a 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. Svalbard is one of the few places on the planet to observe majestic polar bears in their natural habitat. (B,L,D)

**DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO**
Disembark in Longyearbyen and take a short bus ride to Camp Barentz in the nearby Advent Valley for a taste of Arctic culture. Here, you’ll discover a unique collection of buildings including an authentic gamme, a traditional round building with an open fire in the center, and a lavvo, the traditional tent of the Sami people. Enjoy refreshments and meet some of the friendly sled dogs that reside at camp. Fly back to Oslo and overnight at the SAS 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
  Call for details.
National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship and the flagship of the Lindblad fleet. She is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling her to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. She 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. 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. Menu is international with local flair.

Cabins: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices.

Expedition Equipment: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote-controlled camera, video microscope.

Special Features: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Global Perspectives guest speaker, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, 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, LEXspa treatment room, and sauna.
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless otherwise indicated as solo.

**CATEGORY 1:**
Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**CATEGORY 2:**
Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

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

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

**CATEGORY 5:**
Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**CATEGORY 6:**
Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

**CATEGORY 7:**
Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**CATEGORY A SOLO:**
Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**CATEGORY B SOLO:**
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.
INCLUSIVE PRICING

ABOARD SHIP
✓ All meals and beverages, including alcohol
✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
✓ Hors d’oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ Traditional Swedish sauna
✓ Fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, free weights & more
✓ The guidance & company of the expedition staff
✓ Gratuities to the ship’s crew

ASHORE
✓ Two hotel nights in Oslo with breakfasts & one dinner
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

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

SPECIAL OFFERS

WITH COMPLIMENTS: Travel on this voyage and your bar tab aboard ship and tips for the crew will be covered (certain premium brands excluded).

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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXPEDITION COST INCLUDES: Accommodations aboard ship; two hotel nights with breakfast in Oslo; all meals and beverages aboard ship; including alcohol (except certain premium brands); meals on land as indicated; 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 expedition staff.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation including charter flight; meals not indicated; extensions; passport and visa fees; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as internet services; voyage DVD, laundry, and premium alcoholic beverages.

SAMPLE AIRFARES: Round-trip Newark/Oslo: Economy from $1,180; Business from $3,960. Charter airfare (round-trip Oslo/Longyearbyen): $800 per person. Charter flight must be ticketed by Lindblad. Lindblad will assist in making your international air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee. Fares subject to change.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US$1,500 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due 120 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel and medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you by Duke Alumni Association 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 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.

Itinerary and 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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RESERVATION FORM: LAND OF THE ICE BEARS
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Please reserve __________ place(s).

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(Preferred name for name badge)

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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$1,500 per person)
Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.
□ Charge my advance payment of $ __________________________ (US$1,500 per person)
to my □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ American Express  □ Discover

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» See the very symbol of the Arctic—the polar bear in its 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.

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

» Enjoy superlative photo ops and onboard photo assistance.

» Travel with Dr. Susan Lozier of Duke’s Nicholas School of the Environment.

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