EXPLORING ALASKA’S COASTAL WILDERNESS

AUGUST 2-9, 2020
ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

Featuring Dr. Emily Klein, Duke University
Distinguished Service Professor of Earth Sciences

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From far away, glaciers appear white. And those who visit Alaska aboard larger ships may leave still believing they are. But when you travel expedition style, using a small nimble ship, expedition landing craft, and kayaks to get up close, you see the spectrum: intense blues with pearl, crystal, aqua; innumerable shades of white swirled with dark sediment churned over centuries of glacial slide. You’ll even see behind the surface colors, to the geology that explains them.
DEAR DUKE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Alaska, once known as Seward’s Folly and little valued, now tops the list of travelers who seek genuine wildness. Come explore and discover the authenticity of the region with unparalleled experiences in this capital of wildness. Lindblad Expeditions’ years of experience in Alaska is your key to enjoying the most in-depth and engaging encounters. They know the protected coves where sea otters congregate, the river rapids where bears fish for salmon, and the rich channels where whales feed. You’ll hear the thunderous crack of a calving glacier dropping ice hundreds of feet into the sea, hike the spongy trails of old-growth forests, and watch eagles fly low over quiet inlets.

Explore on the 50-cabin National Geographic Venture, and discover Alaska’s wildness in a way only a few do. A nimble, shallow-draft expedition ship allows us to access secluded areas larger vessels simply cannot reach. The ship is equipped with a complete suite of exploration tools: Zodiacs, kayaks, and paddleboards to enable you to get out there for up-close personal discoveries. Plus there’s a hydrophone, underwater video camera, and more to make your whale-watching experiences even more memorable.

And now you can experience Alaska with all your senses thanks to the culinary team aboard ship. Much of the food prepared is sourced locally from sustainable providers, with ingredients and flavors that reflect Alaska’s wild bounty. Plus with unassigned seating, mealtimes are more than opportunities to eat well; they are also a chance to join naturalists, ship’s officers, and fellow Lindblad guests to engage in stimulating conversation and gain insight into the nature and culture of the region.

The expedition team is unrivaled in their knowledge of and experience in Alaska, and will ensure that you see, do, and learn more than you ever imagined possible. Share the adventure with Dr. Emily Klein, Duke Professor of Marine Geology, along with an experienced team of naturalists who will not only accompany you on Zodiac cruises and hikes through Alaska’s forests, but will also introduce you to the surprising Alaska undersea. And a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor is at your side and at your service to help you take your best photos ever.

Duke Alumni Travels is pleased to work with Lindblad Expeditions to offer you this exceptional and educational adventure. I hope you will join the exploration!

To reserve your space, please return the reservation form or call (919) 684-2988.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels

Dr. Emily Klein is a professor of marine geology in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, and lives in Durham, NC. She majored in English as an undergraduate at Barnard College, and earned her doctorate in geochemistry from Columbia’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

Her research focuses on the geochemistry of oceanic volcanoes—exploring how magma forms deep in the earth and ultimately erupts to form volcanoes. Her work involves sea-going expeditions to map and sample the ocean floor, using submersibles or remotely operated vehicles.

Emily is a Duke University Distinguished Service Professor and a Bass Fellow, and received the National Science Foundation’s Young Investigator Award and the F.W. Clarke Medal of the Geochemical Society.

Cover: Fishing brown bear, Southeast Alaska. © Ralph Lee Hopkins.
Opposite: Harbor seals hauled out on South Sawyer Glacier in Tracy Arm.

Ship’s Registry: United States
EXPERIENCE ALASKA EXPEDITION STYLE

Drawing on many years of experience exploring Alaska and a network of knowledgeable insiders, our voyage will connect you to the region in a way you never thought possible. A perfectly sized ship takes you deeper inside where you’ll discover authentic Alaska—the majestic bears, breaching humpbacks, old-growth forests, calving glaciers, inaccessible vistas, and true Alaska towns. Along the way, veteran naturalists will illuminate every facet of your expedition, providing expert commentary and spotting wildlife so you don’t miss a thing. And not being tied to port times means we have the flexibility to stop and linger should we happen upon a pod of humpback or killer whales—giving you a front-row seat to the powerful, often unexpected, moments only nature can provide.

THE RICHEST WILDLIFE-WATCHING EXPERIENCE

National Geographic Venture’s experienced captain and expedition staff know where to find iconic wildlife. Their knowledge and connections with area locals, such as the Alaska Whale Foundation, means we know when to be “there” when humpback whales are—creating amazing observation and photo ops. Researchers from the Alaska Whale Foundation come aboard to share their knowledge and latest findings, and to provide insight into humpback behavior. The naturalists may also drop a hydrophone to reveal whale communication. You can even observe Alaska’s wild undersea, as the undersea specialist dives to shoot video of the otherworldly creatures or deploys the Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), which you’ll see on TV screens from the comfort of the lounge.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Brown bear; Steller sea lions; Zodiac approaching iceberg in front of Dawes Glacier; seldom-seen undersea, including this lion’s mane jellyfish; bald eagle fishing.
THE PERFECT PLATFORM TO DISCOVER WILD ALASKA

The National Geographic Venture is purpose built for exploring regions like remote Southeast Alaska. A nimble design allows you to sail into spectacular winding fjords and shallow, fast-moving channels where whales feed. You’ll travel in comfort aboard a new 50-cabin expedition ship carrying 100 guests. Share the thrill of spotting diving humpbacks or bears foraging along the shore from the expansive bow—and use onboard tools for deeper exploration. A fleet of Zodiacs ensures quick access from on board to shores untouched by tourist infrastructure. Single and tandem kayaks let you paddle in quiet coves or venture into wind- and water-carved caves.

ACTIVELY EXPLORE EVERY DAY & IN EVERY WAY

Every day in Alaska brings new adventure and an array of active options. Start your morning with an energizing hike through a lush, towering forest, or choose a slower walk, with time for your naturalist to share the unique wonders of the native flora. Later on, observe a calving glacier by Zodiac, try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding, visit a typical Alaska town, or kayak along wildlife-rich shorelines keeping watch for swooping bald eagles and gregarious sea lions. When you prefer, stay aboard to read or enjoy a wellness treatment in the spa. There’s never one-size-fits-all scheduling here; choose your activities at whatever level and staff members to join daily.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Hiking a forest trail; guests take advantage of Alaska’s unrivaled photo ops; Zodiac approaches near to glacier; kayakers encounter a brown bear on shore; take in the epic scenery from a new vantage—on a stand-up paddleboard.
SHARE YOUR EXPEDITION WITH THE BEST TEAM IN ALASKA

Learn, see, and do more by exploring with experts who know the region best. Share the adventure with a team of naturalists, an undersea specialist, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an expedition leader, and a video chronicler. Since personal attention is important, you explore with one staff member for every ten guests, the best naturalist to guest ratio in Alaska. And you’re able to gravitate towards individuals whose interests mirror your own—photography, the undersea, whales, botany, or something different daily. Benefit from a variety of expertise, perfectly sized groups on hikes, diverse perspectives, and engaging personalities.

CERTIFIED PHOTO INSTRUCTOR, AT YOUR SIDE & AT YOUR SERVICE

A Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor travels with you throughout your voyage. He or she is on board and in the field to assist with your camera settings, the basics of composition, and much more. Not only is the instructor an excellent photographer, more importantly, he or she is also a naturalist who can teach you how to observe and understand wildlife behavior so you aim at just the right time and place for a great shot. Now everyone, at every skill level, can go home with shots they’re proud to share.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Photo instructor points out wildlife; a pod of killer whales; enjoy naturalist-led Zodiac cruises; naturalist measures bear tracks on the forest floor; young guests observe glacier up close.
EXPLORING ALASKA’S COASTAL WILDERNESS
8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

Experience the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska on a voyage aboard a 50-cabin expedition ship into a land of mist-shrouded fjords, tidewater glaciers, and islands teeming with wildlife. Search for killer whales and humpback whales, kayak amid glacial ice, spend a full day exploring Glacier Bay National Park and learn about Alaska’s rich Tlingit heritage.

DAY 1: JUNEAU/EMBARK
Explore Juneau and the Alaska State Museum with its sprawling collection of natural history and cultural artifacts. Embark ship and settle into your cabin before dinner. Later, explore the port of Juneau on your own. (D)

DAY 2: TRACY ARM-FORD’S TERROR WILDERNESS
Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close, and take a cruise in a Zodiac for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, porpoises, and arctic terns. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PETERSBURG
Search for humpback whales as we head to the small, true Alaskan town of Petersburg. Explore a unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Enjoy bike riding or an optional floatplane excursion before a crab feast this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT
With luck, see whales breaching, tail-slapping, or feeding. Later, hike or kayak for up-close exploration. Explore spectacular bays and inlets, following bear trails and salmon streams. (B,L,D)
DAY 5: THE INIAN ISLANDS AND ICY STRAIT
Explore among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters reside. Search for marine mammals in the rich waters of Icy Strait and choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike and kayak. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK
See glaciers that end abruptly at the water’s edge and possibly observe them “calving.” Wildness abounds—mountain goats roam the cliffs and brown bears patrol the shore; Steller sea lions and puffins live in the icy waters. A native Tlingit cultural interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. We will also be joined by a National Park Service Ranger. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SOUTHEAST ALASKA’S ISLANDS, BAYS, AND FJORDS
Today, nature is your guide. You may explore an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beach-comb, hike stunning forest trails, or see bear tracks worn into the soil while walking in an isolated meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are very common. If conditions permit, you can do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: SITKA/DISEMBARK
In Sitka, Southeast Alaska’s only oceanfront town, visit the Raptor Rehabilitation Center and get close-up views of species normally seen at a distance. Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Please note: All day-by-day descriptions are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting. Your expedition leader and captain will share your handcrafted itinerary once on board.

EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
A Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables you to hike and kayak in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.
CAPACITY: 50 outside cabins accommodating 100 guests.
REGISTRY: United States. OVERALL LENGTH: 238 feet.

National Geographic Venture is the latest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet in Alaska. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A., the ship sets a new standard in exploration comfort and style.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. The “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. Breakfast is a wide-selection buffet, and lunch is often served family-style. Cuisine is fresh, sustainable, and accented with regional flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Wi-Fi access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, video chronicler.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights, and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.

Clockwise from top: Category 4 cabin with lower single beds (which can be converted to a Queen) and a private step-out balcony; the casual dining room with its expansive windows; Category 5 cabin is the most spacious aboard.
**CATEGORY 1**: Main Deck #301-306
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 2**: Main Deck #307-315
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 3**: Upper Deck #201-206
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, and two large view windows.

**CATEGORY 4**: Upper Deck #207-229
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door, and small, private balcony.

**CATEGORY 5 (SUITE)**: Observation Deck #101-108
Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

**NOTE**: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

**Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access**: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

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**Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.**

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Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your air arrangements.
INCLUSIVE PRICING

ABOARD SHIP
✓ All meals & nonalcoholic beverages
✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda
✓ Hors d’oeuvres & snacks during nightly recap
✓ Environmentally friendly refillable water bottle with bottle refill stations
✓ Fully stocked library
✓ Fitness equipment
✓ The guidance & company of the expedition staff

ASHORE
✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
✓ Transfers to & from group flights
✓ The expertise of the expedition staff

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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

VOYAGE COSTS INCLUDE: All accommodations aboard ship; all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks and paddleboards; special access permit; transfers to and from group flights; tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes, and service charges, and services of the expedition staff. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Air transportation; passport, visa, immigration fees; meals not indicated; optional floatplane excursion; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as: alcoholic beverages aboard ship, Wi-Fi access, voyage DVD, and laundry. Gratuities to ship’s crew are at your discretion.

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

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US$750 per person is payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due 90 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 Expeditions’ and the National Geographic Society’s 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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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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RESERVATION FORM:
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Please reserve ____________ place(s).

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(As it appears on passport)

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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: ________________________________

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ _____________________________ (US$750 per person).
Check made payable to Lindblad Expeditions, Inc.

□ Charge my advance payment of $ _____________________________ (US$750 per person)
to my □Visa  □MasterCard  □ American Express  □ Discover

Account Number: ___________________________ Expires: ___________________________ 

Cardholder Signature: _________________________ Date: _____________________________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Travel with Dr. Emily Klein of Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment.

» Kayak into protected coves and look for sea otters, seabirds, and harbor seals.

» Hike through lush forests to cascading waterfalls, and cruise on a Zodiac into coves to search for brown bears.

» Meet members of the Alaska Whale Foundation to learn about the local whale population, and gain insight on Alaska's indigenous people from a Tlingit cultural interpreter.

» Discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life revealed by an undersea specialist.