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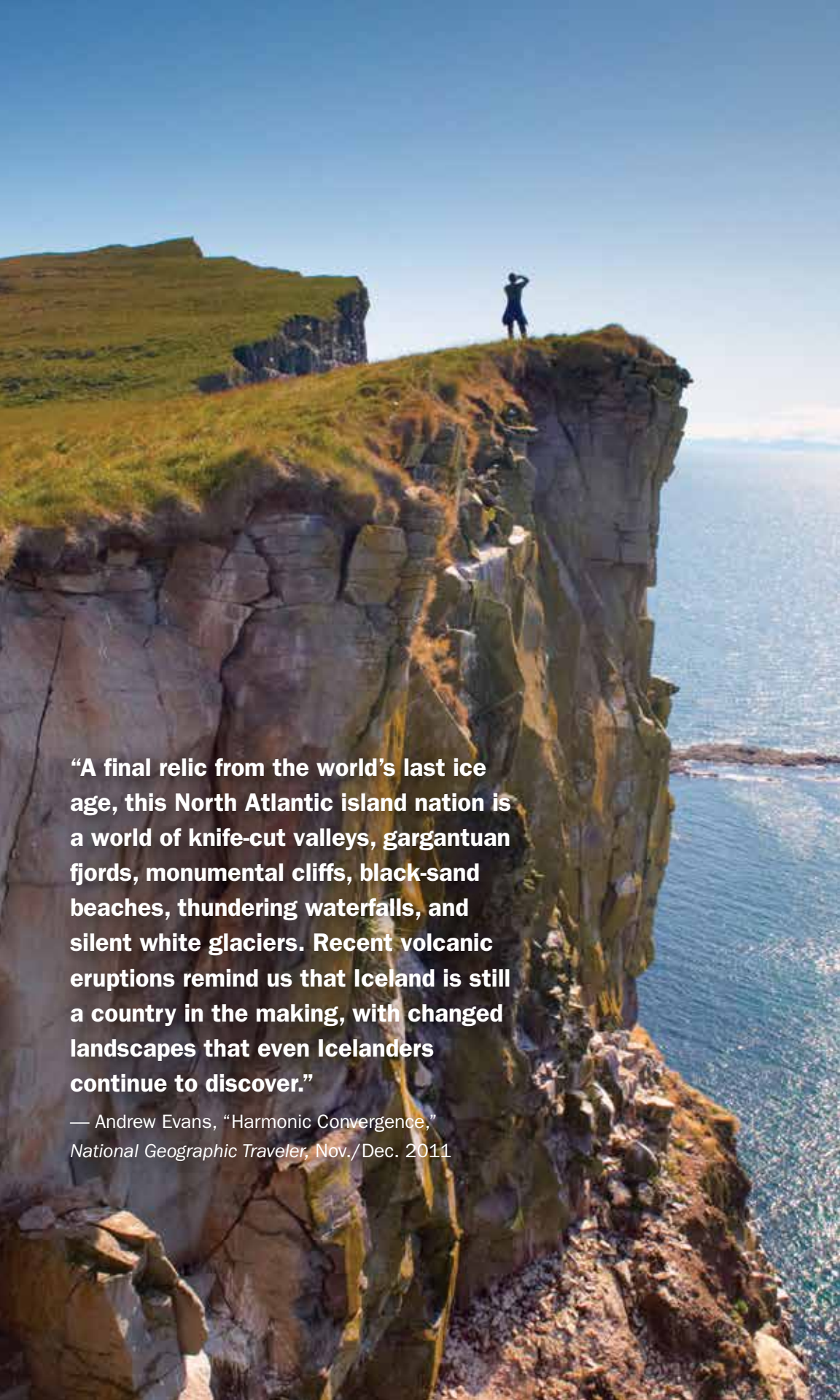
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FROM REYKJAVÍK TO THE WILD WEST

July 27–August 2, 2016

Aboard *National Geographic Explorer*





“A final relic from the world’s last ice age, this North Atlantic island nation is a world of knife-cut valleys, gargantuan fjords, monumental cliffs, black-sand beaches, thundering waterfalls, and silent white glaciers. Recent volcanic eruptions remind us that Iceland is still a country in the making, with changed landscapes that even Icelanders continue to discover.”

— Andrew Evans, “Harmonic Convergence,”
National Geographic Traveler, Nov./Dec. 2011

Dear Duke Alumni and Friends,

Explore with us in Iceland and thrill to the beauty of the “land of fire and ice,” as you enjoy a compact, uniquely immersive land and sea adventure, full of insider access. Actively explore Reykjavík, the world’s northernmost capital, and the geologic wonders of the Golden Circle for two days. Then go deep into the wild over three days aboard the state-of-the-art expedition ship, *National Geographic Explorer*, discovering Iceland’s rugged western coast.

See the violent forces of nature in the geologically young landscape: hot springs, spouting geysers, tumbling waterfalls, and snow-capped mountains. Hike, kayak, and Zodiac cruise remote, spectacular natural reserves. Behold towering cliffs, home to massive populations of riotous seabirds. Search for marine mammals from the deck of *Explorer*. Savor an exclusive private dinner on lovely Viðey Island prepared by one of Iceland’s top chefs. And enjoy performances by local musicians curated by ethnomusicologist Jacob Edgar.

But experiencing Iceland’s stunning landscapes is only part of your adventure. You’ll also delve deeper into the nature of the place and its people, whose national character has been forged by the elements and deeply rooted in tradition. Local cultural specialists, who also happen to be fascinating individuals, will join us along the way as part of our expedition community. Enjoy their engaging presentations and informal conversations over dinner or cocktails.

You’ll travel with a team of experts: an expedition leader; naturalists, several with geology expertise; and an undersea specialist. To help you capture the experience, a National Geographic photographer and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor will be aboard. As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke host will be added to the expedition to bring a uniquely Duke Perspective to your travel experience.

Join us on this special travel opportunity, July 27–August 2, 2016.

To reserve your place, please send in the reservation form or call 888-773-9007.

Forever Duke,



Beth Ray-Schroeder '83
Director, Duke Alumni Travel, Duke Alumni Association

Cover photo: 10th-century village on the island of Flatey.

Left: The soaring cliffs of Látrabjarg are home to a large population of razorbills.

Ship's Registry: Bahamas



EXPLORE THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE

There's one place on Earth where geology is so universally exciting, it's downright sexy: Iceland. Iceland is located on both the Iceland hotspot and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge—which means it is highly geologically active with many volcanoes—hundreds of them, in fact. You may recall the volcano Eyjafjallajökull, which famously erupted in 2010, disrupting global air travel for days, and serving as a reminder that geology is far more than fossils and ancient history.

Discover Iceland's world-class geology in all its manifestations on a carefully curated exploration—thundering waterfalls, soaring cliffs, geothermal springs, boiling mud pools, and rock and lava-scapes of unearthly beauty. This unique land-sea itinerary allows us to spend two days in Reykjavík and its environs, including the Golden Circle with its geologic marvels. Then spend three days aboard *National Geographic Explorer* discovering the wild west coast and keeping a lookout for whales and rich birdlife on the shores and soaring cliffs.



Above left: Onlookers are shrouded in steam from the Strokkur geyser.

Right top to bottom: Humpback whale fluke; Hornstrandir cliffs; guests take in the power and beauty of Gullfoss waterfall; puffins.





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

NR 139VX

THE PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORING ICELAND

National Geographic Explorer is the only expedition ship designed and equipped by individuals with a collective 175 years of expedition experience. She is the best-equipped expedition ship in the world, featuring exceptional accoutrements that make her an exceptional base for exploration. A fleet of Zodiacs, the best landing craft in the industry, and 36 untippable sea kayaks allow for up-close discovery, enabling you to have life-enhancing encounters with beauty, wildness, and serenity in the planet's most pristine places. *Explorer* is also a beautiful ship, built with careful attention to details and comfort. And she fosters an intimate, learning-oriented expedition environment.



At the bridge.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE OCEAN, WHILE STAYING COMPLETELY DRY



ROV being lowered.

National Geographic Explorer is uniquely equipped with an undersea specialist/diver, undersea video technology, and an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet. The captured images are then displayed on HD TVs for viewing in the lounge, providing you with an unparalleled opportunity to see beneath the ocean's surface.

Explorer also features a permanent "Ocean" exhibit on board, with photo and video displays by National Geographic photographers and curated by experts from the National Geographic Ocean Initiative and Museum divisions.

Left: Guests return to the ship after an exhilarating Zodiac cruise.



TRAVEL WITH EXPERTS, RELY ON EXPERIENCE

The exceptional expedition team is key to your in-depth Icelandic experience. You'll travel with a veteran expedition leader and six naturalists, many with a specialty in geology. An onboard National Geographic photographer and a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor are there to help you capture the incredible photo ops. The undersea specialist reveals the deep, while a wellness specialist helps you benefit from the tonic of wildness. And a video chronicler will record the entire voyage creating a permanent record for you. You will also be joined by local cultural specialists and musicians, who come aboard to provide perspective and insight through their talks and performances.



EXCLUSIVE PROGRAM: EXPEDITION PHOTOGRAPHY



Whether you think of yourself as a photographer or simply want to capture the moments at the heart of your expedition, you'll take your best photos ever aboard *National Geographic Explorer*. You'll have a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor at your side and at your service to help you better understand your camera and its settings, the basics of

composition, and the scenery and wildlife you'll aim your camera at. And you'll be accompanied by National Geographic and Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Jay Dickman, who has worked in photojournalism for more than 35 years and is a frequent contributor to *National Geographic* magazine. He will provide inspiration, tips, and advice gleaned over the course of his significant career.

Opposite (clockwise from top): Photographing Iceland's wildflower-rich landscape; steaming Geysir with its amazing spout; razorbill; naturalists are always on hand for in-the-field observations; guests photographing puffins from the ship's deck.

ICELAND BY LAND & SEA: FROM REYKJAVÍK TO THE WILD WEST

7 DAYS/5 NIGHTS – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER



Guests enjoy a soothing soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.

This unique land-sea itinerary allows us to spend two days in Reykjavík and its environs, including the Golden Circle for its geologic marvels; and three days aboard *National Geographic Explorer* discovering the wild west coast.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Your overnight flight arrives early in Reykjavík. You are transferred to a nearby restaurant where you will hear about today's exciting options during breakfast. Note: for those who wish to go directly to the hotel for early check-in, we can reserve your room for an additional charge.



Icelandic horses.

Choose a scenic drive amid the volcanic landscapes and natural hot springs of the Reykjanes peninsula to the tiny fishing village of Grindavík. Or soak in the soothing geothermal waters of the iconic Blue Lagoon. After lunch, check into the Borg Hotel or similar. Tonight visit one of Reykjavík's fine restaurants on your own. (Day 2: B,L)

DAY 3: REYKJAVÍK & GOLDEN CIRCLE/EMBARK SHIP

Encounter Iceland's nature in all its wildness amid the geological wonders of the Golden Circle. Feel the spray of thundering Gullfoss falls, wander the steaming landscape of Geysir, and see its amazing spout. With expert guides, visit the ancient, open-air parliament at Thingvellir National Park. Or choose a guided walk around

Reykjavík, including the National Museum and the Museum of Whales.

In the late afternoon, embark *National Geographic Explorer* and settle in. Tonight, a special treat: ride a ferry to scenic Viðey Island, where an exclusive dinner in a historic house awaits. One of Iceland's top chefs, Friðgeir Ingi Eiríksson, will cater dinner, and you will enjoy a musical concert. This evening will be memorable! (B,L,D)



DAY 4: EXPLORING THE WEST COAST OF ICELAND

National Geographic Explorer navigates Iceland's wild western frontier coastline, sailing beneath the immense Látrabjarg cliffs, home to a huge population of razorbills. The cliffs were once famous for egg collecting; men were tied to ropes and lowered down onto the ledges like spiders. Stop at the charming island of Flatey for walks around the picture-postcard 10th-century village, and take a Zodiac cruise along the coast. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5 AND 6: EXPLORING THE WESTFJORDS & HORNSTRANDIR

Just south of the Arctic Circle, Hornstrandir—the spiky peninsula at the northern tip of the Westfjords—is Iceland's truest wilderness, an uninhabited nature reserve backed by the majestic Hornbjarg cliffs and only accessible on foot or by boat. You'll have a choice of activities each day in the Westfjords region, and the option to join the naturalist whose interests mirror yours. Hike with a botanist or birder through a wildflower-filled meadow, kayak quiet coves, or hop aboard a Zodiac. Join a photo hike with a National Geographic photographer and soak up the legendary scenery. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: REYKJAVÍK/DISEMBARK/U.S.

Disembark in Reykjavík and take an early flight home, or continue exploring with us. Opt to visit the Saga Museum, wander among bubbling mud pools and hot springs, or stop at a farm to see and photograph Icelandic horses. Continue to lunch and transfer to the airport for an afternoon flight home. (B,L)



OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Extend your time with active options on a 1-day pre-voyage extension: **Reykjavík Adventure**. Go on a city bike tour, horseback ride, cook stylish Nordic cuisine, even go flight-seeing. Call for details.



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 remote places 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. 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. Menu is international with local flair.

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

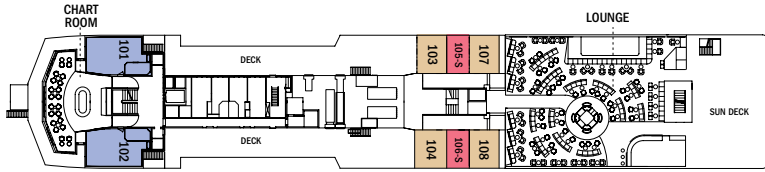
EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, remote-controlled Crow’s Nest camera, video microscope.

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

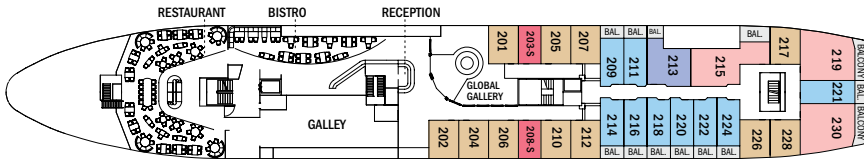
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms, and sauna.



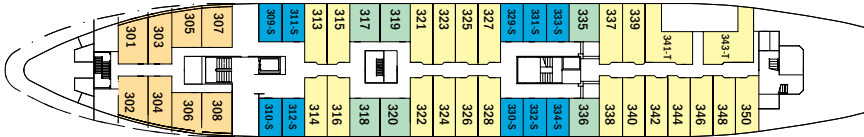
From top: Example of an upper deck cabin with balcony; the sauna is a perfect way to end the day; standard bathrooms are stocked with a hair dryer, terrycloth robes, and deluxe amenities.



VERANDA DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

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

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| Category 1: Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308 | \$4,990 |
| Category 2: Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336 | \$5,430 |
| Category 3: Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350 | \$5,620 |
| Category 4: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228 | \$6,100 |
| Category 5: Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224 | \$7,220 |
| Category 6: Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213 | \$8,650 |
| Category 7: Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230 | \$9,970 |
| Category A Solo: Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334 | \$6,790 |
| Category B Solo: Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208 | \$7,030 |
| 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

- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ All meals & nonalcoholic beverages
- ✓ 24-hour coffee, tea & soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Cappuccinos, lattes & complimentary refillable water bottle
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Fitness center
- ✓ The guidance & company of the expedition staff

ASHORE

- ✓ Hotel accommodations
- ✓ Meals as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Musical performances
- ✓ 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.

Terms and Conditions

Expedition Cost Includes: Accommodations aboard ship; one hotel night in Reykjavík; all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; meals on land as indicated; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sight-seeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and gratuities (except to ship's crew); services of a ship physician and Lindblad's expedition staff and local guides.

Not Included: Air transportation; meals not indicated; extension; passport and visa fees; baggage/accident/travel protection plan; voyage DVD; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, email, telephone calls, and laundry.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip NY/Reykjavík: Economy from \$750; Business from \$2,140. 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\$750 per person is required at the

time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check.

Final Payment: Due 120 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: Travel insurance is available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you by Duke Alumni Association 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

| Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start | Per Person Cancellation Fee |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 180 or more days | \$750 |
| 179-120 days | Advance payment cost |
| 119-90 days | 25% of trip cost |
| 89-60 days | 50% of trip cost |
| 59 -0 days | No refund |
| <i>We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</i> | |



Please send reservation to:

Duke Alumni Travel
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Durham, NC 27708
Phone: 800-FOR-DUKE
Secure Fax: (919) 660-0148
Email: travel@daa.duke.edu

Reservation Form: Iceland By Land & Sea
Aboard National Geographic Explorer — July 27–August 2, 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 Reykjavik extension
- Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ _____ (US\$750 per person).

Check made payable to **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**

- Charge my advance payment of \$ _____ (US\$750 per person)
to my Visa MasterCard American Express.

Account Number: _____ Expires: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____ Date: _____

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » Explore Iceland's geologic wonders by land and sea from Reykjavík to its wild western coast.
- » Go active: Hike, kayak, and Zodiac cruise a remote natural reserve, accessible only by expedition ship.
- » Savor an exclusive dinner on Viðey Island prepared by one of the country's top chefs.
- » Gain insight on the national character from local cultural experts who join us aboard.
- » Enjoy performances by some of Iceland's popular musicians.



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