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## CELTIC COASTS AND IBERIAN SHORES: VOYAGE FROM EDINBURGH TO LISBON

Embark on a coastal expedition from Edinburgh to Lisbon, tracing the storied shores of the British Isles, France and the Iberian Peninsula. From the medieval strongholds of Northumberland to the maritime legacy of Portsmouth, the rugged beauty of Brittany and the Celtic echoes of Galicia, each stop reveals a new facet of Europe's rich heritage. Savor the flavors of Cornwall and Porto, walk ancient coastal paths and witness the dramatic landscapes that have shaped centuries of explorations. Experience it all as fall settles in, with harvests in full swing, fewer crowds and a slower, more immersive pace of life.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 Edinburgh, Scotland / Embark Ship

Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer to the city center. Known throughout time for its hill fort, the iconic Edinburgh Castle, this vibrant city offers a variety of experiences throughout its streets. Explore the city at your own pace before embarking the National Geographic Endurance in the afternoon.

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2 Northumberland Coastline, England

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Spend the day exploring the estuaries and beaches of Northumberland, the northernmost county in England, home to more than 400 different bird species. Once a medieval Anglo-Saxon kingdom encompassing present day northern England, this region is rich in striking coastlines and estuaries of the Tyne and Tweed rivers, as well as the ancient cities protecting this region for millennia.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 3 At Sea

Spend a relaxing day at sea sailing along the British coast. Join your officers on the Bridge and learn about navigating through the English Channel or attend a presentation led by your naturalists. Take advantage of the amenities on board such as a rejuvenating spa treatment with the wellness specialist.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4 Portsmouth

Arrive this morning into the famous harbor of Portsmouth. The dockyards date back to the 1200s and are now a living museum combining present day naval operations of the Royal Naval fleet, along with historic ships on display such as King Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose and a World War II submarine. For nature lovers and ancient history buffs, the surrounding areas of Portsmouth offer a wide range of conservation reserves and peaceful outlooks to soak in the rolling hills and estuaries.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5 Falmouth

Known for its deep natural harbor, Falmouth offers a glimpse into life on the Cornwall peninsula. The Southwest Coastal path provides an escape into the nature and landscapes of the region while the quaint streets of this seaside town will present an opportunity to try Cornish delicacies such as fresh-caught oysters or clotted cream. Alternatively, visit Pendennis Castle, built in the 1540s by Henry VIII to protect against invasions from France and the Roman Empire and later used as a secret World War II base.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6 Brittany, France

Natural promontories, pine forests and turquoise waters can be found throughout the Brittany region of France. These striking settings also form the backdrop to a unique cultural and culinary scene, inspired by Celtic traditions. Spend time hiking the coastal paths and relishing the relaxed pace of life in this idyllic setting.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 7 At Sea

Spend another relaxing day at sea sailing along the French coast. Enjoy the day editing your photos, attending an expert-led presentation or lounging on the observation deck with views of the dynamic Bay of Biscay.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 8 A Coruña, Spain

Known for its Roman-era lighthouse, the Tower of Hercules, A Coruña sits on a peninsula that creates a gateway to the stunning region of Galicia in northern Spain. At this last outpost of the Celtic nations linked through Cornwall and Brittany, keep a watchful eye and ear open for connections across these storied peninsulas. Choose from two options for the day. You could travel to Santiago de Compostela, where you'll walk a part of the famed path that leads to the city's legendary cathedral, visited by millions of pilgrims since its completion in the 12th century. Alternatively, explore the peninsulas and hidden coves that make this coastline so unique.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 9 Porto, Portugal

Arrive in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Porto this afternoon. The birthplace of port wine, Porto straddles a gorge on the beautiful Douro River, linked by numerous bridges and filled with medieval architecture. See the region's famous azulejo tiles and take in the views from the Ponte Dom Luis bridge, an iron masterpiece completed in 1886. Learn the secrets of port making during a tasting at a riverside port house.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 10 Lisbon / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Lisbon and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDURANCE

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>National Geographic Endurance</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Expedition Ship</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2018</b>

A next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. National Geographic Endurance is a next-generation expedition ship, purpose-built for polar navigation. A fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessel, it is designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. Its patented X-BOW® is key to its design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride in even adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck, for superior observation. She carries a full suite of expedition tools and offers a variety of experience-enhancing amenities. The luxury of comfort on expedition National Geographic Endurance comfortably accommodates 126 guests in 69 outside-facing cabins. Cabins are efficiently designed, with sizes range from the 140-square-foot solo cabin to the 430-square-foot category 7 suite. Fifty-three of the 69 cabins, including all 12 of the solo cabins, will feature small balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding doors that bring in the spectacular views and ample natural light. Comfort & convenience in every room Every cabin has two portholes, a large window or balcony, and temperature controls. Bathrooms are modern and stocked

with botanically inspired hair products, soap, and shower gel, plus a hairdryer. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers. Dining: Food served aboard is fresh, local, and delicious, and sourced from suppliers who share our values of sustainable use whenever possible. Meals aboard are almost always served in the dining room, located aft of the lounge deck. When weather conditions allow, lighter fare may be served on the observation deck. There is no assigned seating and our dining room accommodates the entire expedition community in a single seating. During meals your expedition leader, naturalists, and any guest speakers aboard will join you. Public Areas: Two restaurants, a Chef's Table for small group dining, Observation Lounge with bar, gym, Wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, library, main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage, state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations, and a photo workshop area; plus, an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear, and an "open bridge" for access to our captain, officers and the art of navigation. Meals: Two restaurants, featuring local, sustainable choices and unassigned seating for flexible, inclusive dining; plus a Chef's table for intimate, small group dining. Main restaurant has 270° views, and the Observation deck restaurant features lighter, made-to-order fare. Cabins: All cabins face outside with large windows, private facilities and climate controls. 53 cabins have balconies. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with tablets and USB/mobile device docking, TVs, Wi-Fi connections, and hair dryers. Expedition Tools: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks,

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snowshoes, cross-country skis, undersea specialist operating a remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and underwater video camera for unique access to polar marine world, hydrophone, aerial remote-controlled camera and video microscope. Special Features: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry. Wellness: The vessel is staffed by our wellness specialists and features a glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high- and low-heat saunas with ocean views. Expedition Landing Craft: Key to our operation is our fleet of expedition landing craft, which we use to land in places that would otherwise be inaccessible. With 8 of these boats and two loading stations used every time we disembark, we're able to transfer guests off the ship quickly, so you can be out on adventures, not idly waiting. The expedition landing craft we use are 19 feet long, powered by four-stroke outboard engines, and are capable of comfortably carrying 10-12 people. They are widely recognized as the safest and most versatile small boats afloat. Remotely Operated Vehicle: Capable of reaching 1,000 feet, far beyond the range of any Scuba diver, the ROV allows you to literally view parts of the undersea that are as unexplored as the moon. Chances are you, like many of our guests, will be struck by how surprisingly colorful undersea life is in these unlikely places. And this glimpse may fundamentally change how you view the ocean. Kayaks: National Geographic Endurance will be equipped with a fleet of kayaks large enough to ensure everyone who wants to can paddle at every opportunity. Consequently, prior kayaking experience isn't necessary--many of our guests have their first kayaking experience in extraordinary locations. Our custom-designed floating platform lets us deploy kayaks from

the ship, or any location we want--including far from shore. Kayakers are usually free to explore where they want within boundaries set by the undersea specialist and officer of the watch. Underwater camera: Our undersea specialist will dive often during your expedition, even in Alaska, with cold-water gear, to shoot high-definition, Cousteau-like footage of the deep. Colorful nudibranchs, swimming, plant-like crinoids, and mysterious fish with antifreeze blood that thrive in the frigid sea will give you an entirely new appreciation of the marine environment. Video microscope: Naturalists will use the video microscope to help explain all elements of the environment, including tiny organisms that are the building block of the marine ecosystem. Spellbinding live views of krill at 80x magnification fills the high-definition screens in the lounge with vivid detail, and fills every onlooker with a sense of wonder at the importance of otherwise unobservable creatures. Hydrophone: This underwater microphone is deployed to listen to the vocalizations of marine mammals. Real time transmissions of their eerie, haunting sounds can be broadcast through the ship or recorded for later playback. Few experiences in nature are as captivating as watching humpback whales feed close to the ship as their vocalizations play through the ship's PA system. Electronic charts: An electronic chart showing the ship's location, course, and speed is almost always on display in the lounge. Open bridge: You'll find our captains are engaged, knowledgeable members of your expedition who are eager to share their passion with you. Venture's open bridge features comfortable spaces to sit, enjoy the view, drink your morning coffee, or simply chat with the officers. Snorkeling gear & wetsuits: On warm weather itineraries where there will be snorkeling, you'll select a mask, snorkel, fins, and wetsuit that remain yours for the duration of the expedition. There's no need

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to pack and tote your own gear, although guests who prefer to are welcome to bring



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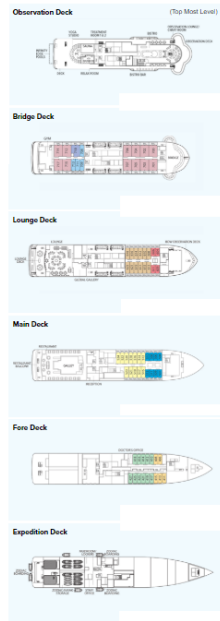
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

### National Geographic Endurance



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Category 03



Category 04



Category 05

Category 06

Category 07

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