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## EXPLORING BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Discover the pristine wilderness, First Nations history, and seaside communities of the Pacific Northwest. Trace the coast from Seattle to British Columbia to explore isolated coves and archipelagos by kayak and Zodiac, and venture ashore to hike through misty forests. Explore among lush Islands, keeping an eye out for marine mammals and bald eagles; visit picturesque coastal towns; and learn about the native cultures that call this region home.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 Seattle / Embark Ship

Arrive in Seattle, Washington state's largest city, and embark \_National Geographic Quest\_ or \_National Geographic Venture.\_

**\*\*Arrival time:\*\*** Arrive by 2:00 p.m. local time.

**\*\*Arrival city:\*\*** Seattle, WA

Day 2 Victoria, British Columbia

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Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the waterfront, stroll through Old Town or peruse the collections at local art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria while taking in their wide-ranging collection.

### Day 3 Desolation Sound

Desolation Sound, on the north end of British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, is a mecca for kayakers and small yachts. It's easy to understand why, with its calm, sheltered waters and outstanding natural beauty. By kayak there are many isolated bays to poke into and islets that beckon for exploration. On land there are meadows and forest trails for hiking.

### Day 4 Johnstone Strait / Alert Bay

Sail through Johnstone Strait, a waterway cut through a magnificently wild and scenic area of mountains and islands. These ocean waters are also home to extraordinary marine mammals and bird watching. Today, visit one of the oldest First Nations village sites in British Columbia. Alert Bay on Cormorant Island has been, and continues to be, the home of the Kwakwaka'wakw people and a center for the living culture found throughout the Northwest Coast. Visit the U'Mista Cultural Centre, which houses one of the northwest coast's finest collections of elaborately carved potlatch masks, regalia and coppers. Then, visit the Big House a short distance away where the T'sasala Cultural Group continues the sharing of culture, "educating the world about their songs, dances, teachings and values."

### Day 5 Exploring the Gulf Islands

Wake this morning among the Gulf Islands, a rich archipelago in the Strait of Georgia, and a yachter's paradise. Take your pick of perfect spots to hike and search for wildlife.

### Day 6 Friday Harbor

Explore Friday Harbor, a picturesque town on San Juan Island. Visit the Whale Museum, with its fascinating collection of artifacts, artwork and whale skeletons. Stop in at small shops and galleries.

### Day 7 Exploring the San Juan Islands

Visit the more remote of the San Juan Islands, an archipelago in northern Washington State perfect for kayaking, exploring by Zodiac and hiking. Walks with your expert staff will familiarize you with the natural and cultural history of the rugged northwest coast region. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's farewell dinner.

### Day 8 Seattle / Disembark Ship

Disembark *National Geographic Venture* and transfer to the airport for flights home.

**\*\*Departure time:\*\*** Depart after 11:30 a.m. local time.

**\*\*Departure city:\*\*** Seattle, WA

### Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

**YOUR SHIP:** National Geographic Venture

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Launched 2018 Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage, National Geographic Venture is able to explore the same remote locations as National Geographic have sought out for decades while setting a new standard in comfort and style. She will follow National Geographic Quest in featuring step-out balconies (available in 22 of the 50 spacious cabins), plus 6 sets of connecting cabins for families and groups; a Sun Deck bar, and a designated mudroom for expedition gear. Comfortably accommodating 100 guests, Venture has a shallow draft depth, allowing us to navigate the same inner reaches and provide the same intimate experiences of the charismatic regions we explore. Her twin expedition craft landing platforms allow you to get on and off the ship quickly to take advantage of wildlife sightings and to ensure we maximize our time off the ship exploring. Designed with decades of expedition experience in the region, the purpose-built vessel also features open decks, generous windows, and specialty tools for exploration--the ideal platform for sailing into the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest and for exploring the tropical waterways of Central America. 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 Venture is equipped with 24 two-person kayaks--a fleet 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

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



their own.

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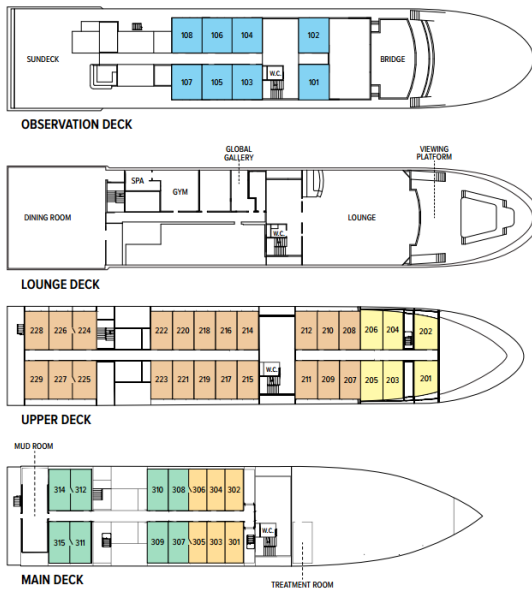
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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Category 01



Category 02



Category 03



Category 04





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## PRICING

### 03-Oct-2026 to 10-Oct-2026

Category 05	£8953 GBP pp
Category 04	£8037 GBP pp
Category 03	£7228 GBP pp
Category 02	£6531 GBP pp
Category 01	£5627 GBP pp

### 16-Oct-2027 to 23-Oct-2027

Category 05	£7099 GBP pp
Category 04	£6450 GBP pp
Category 03	£5374 GBP pp
Category 02	£5023 GBP pp
Category 01	£4695 GBP pp

### 10-Oct-2026 to 17-Oct-2026

Category 05	£7461 GBP pp
Category 04	£6698 GBP pp
Category 03	£6027 GBP pp
Category 02	£5450 GBP pp
Category 01	£4682 GBP pp

### 17-Oct-2026 to 24-Oct-2026

Category 05	£6152 GBP pp
Category 04	£5527 GBP pp
Category 03	£4971 GBP pp
Category 02	£4494 GBP pp
Category 01	£3863 GBP pp

### 09-Oct-2027 to 16-Oct-2027

Category 05	£7099 GBP pp
Category 04	£6450 GBP pp
Category 03	£5374 GBP pp
Category 02	£5023 GBP pp
Category 01	£4695 GBP pp