



## EXPLORING THE WHITE CONTINENT 2020 - 2021 (NG EXPLORER)

Active, immersive expedition travel Exploring Antarctica in an authentic expedition style, aboard an authentic expedition ship is an incomparable experience, and your guarantee of an in-depth encounter with all its wonders. Our pioneering polar heritage and 40+ years of experience navigating polar geographies is your assurance of safe passage in one of the wildest sectors of the planet. Have up-close, personal penguin encounters penguin with pebble in beak Travel with virtually any company to Antarctica, and you will see penguins. They are the citizens of the white continent, present in astounding numbers, and endlessly fascinating. Travel with National Geographic, however, and you'll travel equipped for up-close, personal encounters—with a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks to enable you to get closer. And a team of engaging experts that enable you to spend more time enjoying penguin society, and understand more of the adaptations that enable these remarkable animals to survive their environment. Take advantage of all the superb photo ops You'll have a National Geographic photographer as your traveling companion, to inspire you and provide tips in the field. And the services of a National Geographic certified photo instructor, as well—to help you turn your point-and-shoot camera into an "aim and create." You'll find no end of subjects and the help you need to return home with your best photos ever. Every day is active and engaging You'll get out on adventures every day we're in Antarctica, sometimes twice a day—to walk or hike, kayak or Zodiac cruise among the bergs. Because National Geographic Explorer has a fleet of both Zodiacs and kayaks, the entire expedition community can embark at once on forays, no waiting around for returning

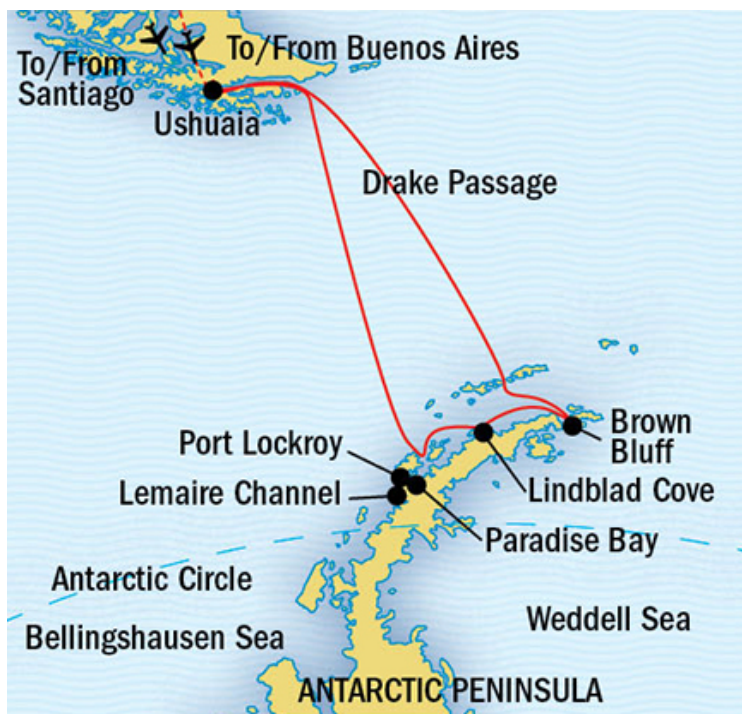
parties. You'll have a choice of activities each day, and the option to join the naturalist whose interests mirror yours. Choice also includes opting to enjoy the view from the bridge, the all-glass observation lounge, the library or the chart room. To visit the fitness center with its panoramic windows, or ease into the sauna or a massage in the wellness center. Travel in excellent company Explore under the sure guidance of an expedition leader, eight veteran naturalists, a National Geographic photographer, plus a National Geographic certified photo instructor, an undersea specialist, a Global Perspectives guest speaker, a video chronicler, and a wellness specialist. Their knowledge and passion for Antarctica is the key to your once-in-a-lifetime

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experience.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: Buenos Aires/Overnight Hotel

Arrive this morning in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, set on the Rio de la Plata, and check in to the fine Sofitel Buenos Aires (or similar). In the afternoon, we have a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. (L)

### DAY 2: Fly to Ushuaia, Argentina/Embark Ship

Today we fly by private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina. Guests traveling aboard National Geographic Explorer will fly from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Ushuaia to embark the Explorer; and

guests traveling aboard National Geographic Orion will fly from Santiago, Chile to Ushuaia to embark the Orion. The morning's LAN charter flight offers some rare views as we fly over the vividly rugged terrain of Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. We'll have lunch aboard a catamaran cruise on the scenic Beagle Channel before embarking our ship. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: At Sea

We awake this morning well into our journey across the Drake Passage. Lying between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, the Drake holds a unique place in maritime lore. Sometimes misty and gray, other times calm and clear, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4-9: Antarctica

With nearly 24 hours of daylight, we make the most of our days, keeping a flexible schedule to take advantage of the unexpected — perhaps watching a 40-ton whale surface off the bow. We are out daily. One day, you may take a Zodiac foray amid towering bergs under a bright sun, walk along the shoreline amid a huge penguin colony, hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags. And the next, you'll have the thrill of watching the ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You'll learn from our experts how to identify penguins and get photo tips from a National Geographic photographer while watching those same penguins. Back aboard, our Undersea Specialist may present video from that day's dive — rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more.

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(B,L,D)

**DAY 10-11: At Sea**

As we sail back to Ushuaia, an albatross or two may join the avian escort of seabirds that cross our bow, and our spotters will keep an eye out for marine life. There'll be plenty of time to enjoy a wellness treatment, log some time in the gym, or catch up on the book you haven't had a minute to read. Talks from our staff will reflect on all you have seen and learned. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: Ushuaia/Disembark/Buenos Aires**

After breakfast, we disembark in Ushuaia with some time to explore before proceeding to the airport for our LAN charter flight (Ushuaia to Buenos Aires) Please confirm departure and arrival cities with an Expedition Specialist before booking your flights. (B,L)

**Please Note:**

All day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.

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## YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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| <b>YOUR SHIP:</b>          | <b>National Geographic Explorer</b>   |
| <b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>        | <b>Luxury Expedition</b>              |
| <b>LENGTH:</b>             | <b>108 meters</b>                     |
| <b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b> | <b>148 (single &amp; twin cabins)</b> |
| <b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>  | <b>1982 / 2008</b>                    |

\_National Geographic Explorer\_ is a state-of-the-art expedition ship. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, enabling it to navigate polar passages 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 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. Our "Open Bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our 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. Expedition Equipment : Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, Crow's Nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear. Special Features : A full-time doctor, Undersea Specialist, LEX Photo Specialist and Video

Chronicler, Internet Cafe and laundry. Wellness : The vessel is staffed by two Wellness Specialists and features a glass enclosed Fitness Center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms



and Sauna.

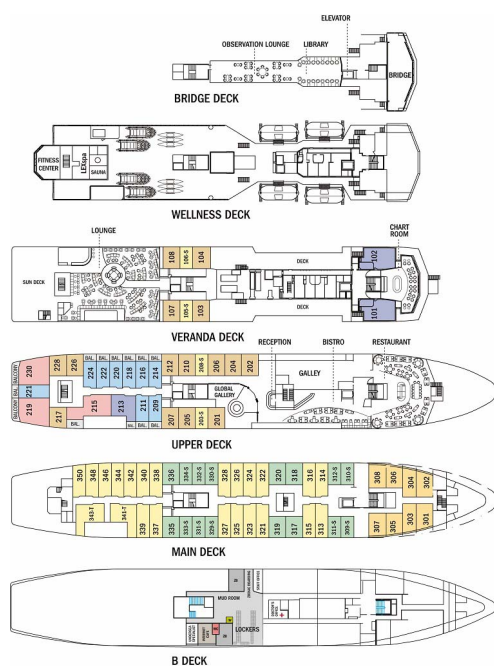
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Flight from Buenos Aires to  
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