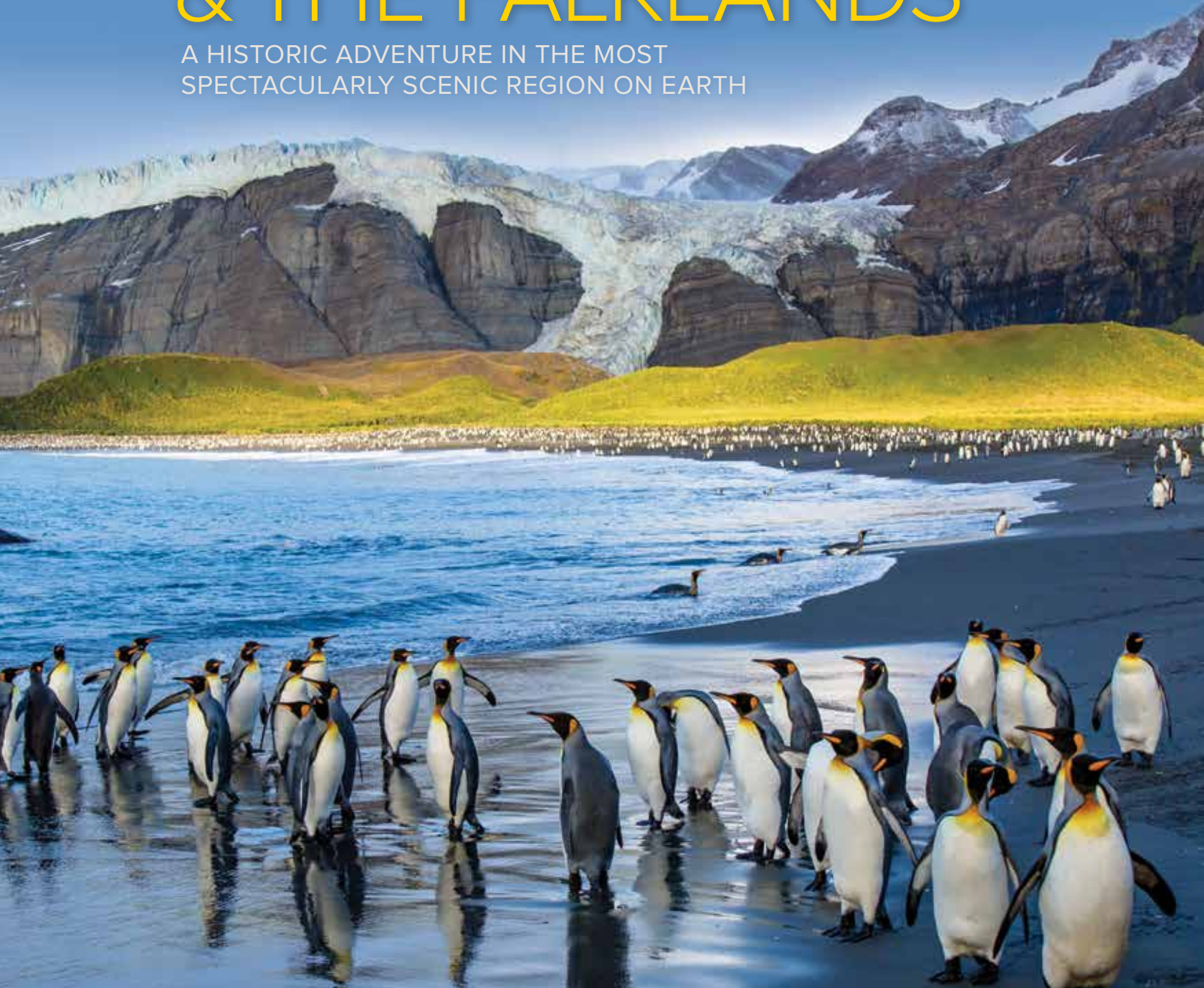


# SOUTH GEORGIA & THE FALKLANDS

A HISTORIC ADVENTURE IN THE MOST  
SPECTACULARLY SCENIC REGION ON EARTH



ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER &  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION | OCT. 2016



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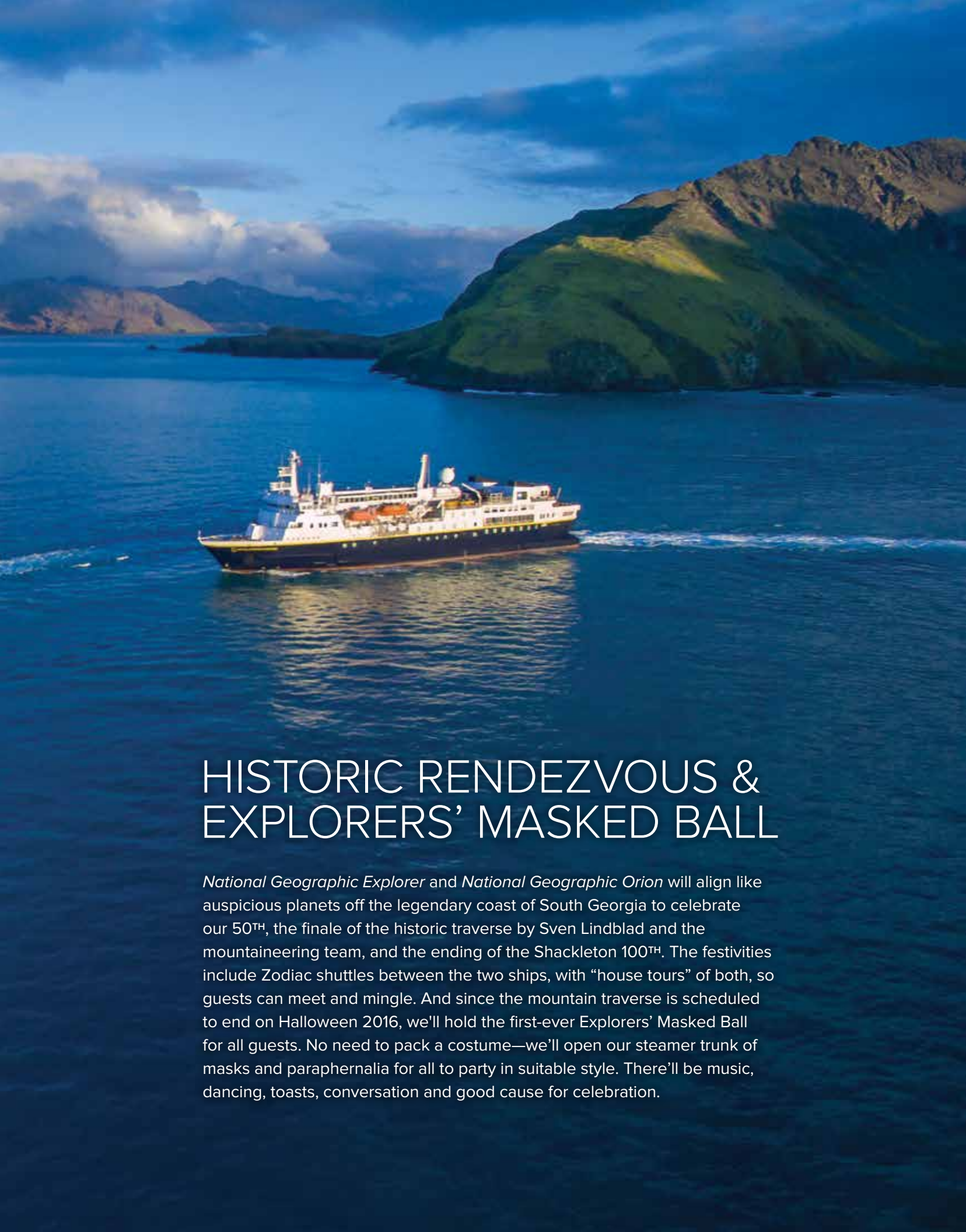


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*“People are always asking me—because I travel so much and have been to so many places with Lindblad, “Where’s your favorite place?” I have to just laugh and look them right in the eye and say—South Georgia. This just has it all. Great expedition travel. It’s real adventure. Fantastic wildlife, scenery, the human history is fascinating as well. I mean EVERYTHING about this place—it’s just perfect for us.”*

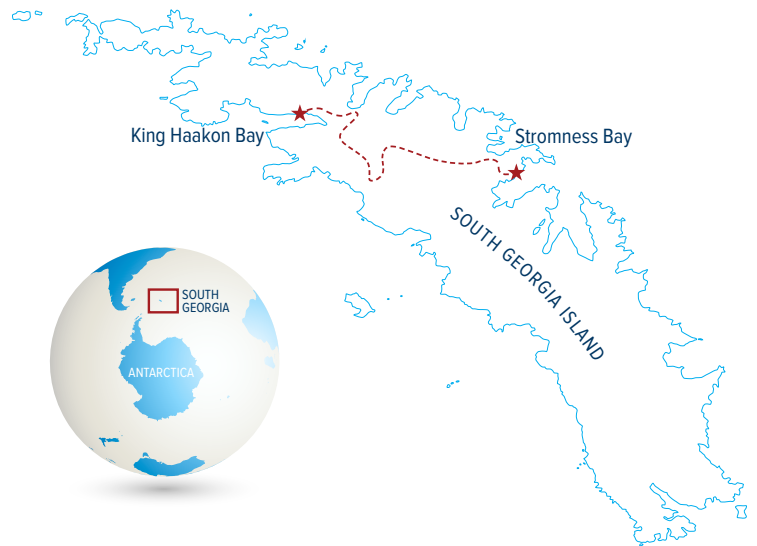
—TOM RITCHIE, NATURALIST





# HISTORIC RENDEZVOUS & EXPLORERS' MASKED BALL

*National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* will align like auspicious planets off the legendary coast of South Georgia to celebrate our 50<sup>TH</sup>, the finale of the historic traverse by Sven Lindblad and the mountaineering team, and the ending of the Shackleton 100<sup>TH</sup>. The festivities include Zodiac shuttles between the two ships, with “house tours” of both, so guests can meet and mingle. And since the mountain traverse is scheduled to end on Halloween 2016, we'll hold the first-ever Explorers' Masked Ball for all guests. No need to pack a costume—we'll open our steamer trunk of masks and paraphernalia for all to party in suitable style. There'll be music, dancing, toasts, conversation and good cause for celebration.



# THE TREK

Dear Traveler,

*On October 22, 2016 we begin an incredible adventure in the Southern Ocean which will involve both the National Geographic Explorer and Orion. Orion will depart Ushuaia, Argentina first, bound for South Georgia and the Falklands. Explorer will leave two days later.*

*A team of extraordinary individuals will join us on the Orion for the ultimate celebration of the Shackleton centennial and our 50th anniversary of the birth of expedition travel. Upon arriving at South Georgia, **Peter Hillary** and **Jamling Tenzing Norgay** (sons of the first men to summit Mt. Everest—Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay), **Guy Cotter**, one of the world's leading mountaineers and **Tommy Heinrich**, another mountaineering legend, will join me to recreate the historic crossing of South Georgia from King Haakon Bay in the south to Stromness Bay—30 miles across mountains and glaciers.*

*What Ernest Shackleton did in 1916 was remarkable given the physical and mental state of him and his team. They were frozen, exhausted and desperate. We will have none of those limitations; however, it is still far from a hike. I will go through months of training to prepare, as I am the only novice amongst the group.*

*When we arrive in Stromness three days later, (Explorer will actually arrive on Halloween), we will have an Explorers' Masked Ball, and revel in the wonder of wildness, remoteness and the relevance of 21st-century exploration—recounting stories of our adventure for all. Then the mountain party will board Explorer for the return to Ushuaia.*

*Of course, while we are climbing, you and your fellow guests will explore South Georgia's spectacularly wildlife-rich coast to learn about the species here, and enjoy the photo ops.*

*(Over, please)*



*Peter Hillary, Jamling Tenzing Norgay, Guy Cotter, Tommy Heinrich, and Sven Lindblad.*

*Aboard Orion and the Explorer we'll engage in conversation together—about exploration; what we, the sons of pioneers, have learned; and how you feel about the direction our world is taking. We might hatch a grand idea. I have some, and I know Peter and Jamling do. And I know that the travelers inspired to join us have ideas, as well.*

*All of us—the trekkers and the expedition teams—are so looking forward to this adventure, to spending time with everyone who chooses to celebrate our 50th milestone with us. I hope to see old friends aboard and make new ones, and I can't wait to experience South Georgia—which, I confess, I haven't yet visited.*

*Despite explorers, naturalists, and guests telling me it's the most dramatic place on earth, and despite having been to Antarctica often, this will be my first time—a bit of personal history in the making for me, and maybe you, too.*

*On a final note, we can take a few climbers with us on the crossing. If you have clients interested, please indicate their interest by emailing Trey Byus at: [ShackletonClimb@expeditions.com](mailto:ShackletonClimb@expeditions.com). He will explain in detail what's involved, and the climb qualification requirements. This is not just a long hike, to be sure.*

*All the best,*



Sven-Olof Lindblad

*P.S. All interested guests are invited, even encouraged, to participate in the final segment of Shackleton's historic traverse—from Fortuna Bay to Stromness and the ruins of the whaling station that played such a vital role in the Endurance rescue saga. The returning mountaineering party's arrival at Stromness should coincide with the hike's conclusion. An elevation gain of nearly 1,000 feet over almost four miles, makes this exhilarating hike both challenging and rewarding—delivering vistas that include Shackleton's Waterfall, and a gorgeous descent to Stromness Bay.*



*This page from top: Peter Hillary's climbing group crossing Crean Glacier on his previous South Georgia crossing; guests hiking the last part of the Shackleton Traverse from Fortuna Bay to Stromness Harbor, South Georgia; Naturalist Steve Maclean, paying homage to "The Boss" Sir Ernest Shackleton at his grave at Grytviken, South Georgia.*

Photo Credits: Peter Hillary, Ralph Lee Hopkins.

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# THE SPECTACULAR WILDLIFE

**REFERRED TO AS THE SERENGETI** of the Southern Ocean by wildlife cognoscenti and travelers savvy enough to have chosen to explore there, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands are the planet's most rewarding discoveries. The wildlife spectacle—from king penguin colonies with six-digit populations to the tiny endemic South Georgia pipit, back from near extinction—is staggering, as is the stunning backdrop of mountains, most unclimbed, a challenge to mountaineers worldwide, and glaciers. And over it lies the shimmering mantle of history; it's where the stirring drama of the Shackleton expedition indelibly enacted itself.





*Facing page, from top: Young southern elephant seals, Gold Harbor, South Georgia; king penguin colony, South Georgia.*

*This page, clockwise from top: The Falklands hold the largest concentration of black-browed albatross; rockhopper penguin; curious Antarctic fur seal pup; bull elephant seal emerges from the surf at Fortuna Bay, South Georgia; adult striated caracara, known locally as a “Johnny Rook,” Falkland Islands.*

**AS THE PHOTOS HERE SHOW** South Georgia and the Falklands present innumerable ops, and the National Geographic photographers accompanying our ships will help you make the most of them. Whether you're a beginner who'd like help with camera settings and basic composition, or an advanced shooter appreciative of pro tips in field situations, our experts will meet you wherever you are in your photo journey. Onboard slideshows and presentations, one-to-one critiques and more sharing activities make photography aboard so engaging that the shooter spirit 'infects' nearly all.



*Clockwise from top right: Photographing Magellanic penguins, Falkland Islands; getting the shot of elephant seal pups, South Georgia; blue-eyed shag in flight, Falkland Islands; National Geographic photographers Michael Melford (Explorer) and Ralph Lee Hopkins (Orion) will help you get your best shots ever.*







*Dawn Zodiac arrival at South Georgia.*

## OUR EXPEDITION SHIPS ARE UNIQUELY EQUIPPED

to deliver you to extraordinary experiences where no infrastructure exists. Our fleet of Zodiacs transport you to wild beaches to be greeted by a silver-suited welcome committee. And once there, you'll have time to spend in riveting ways: actively seek diverse subjects to shoot; wait camera-ready for the (inevitably) curious animals to draw near to you; stroll the beach camera-free, rapt in the flow of the endlessly busy citizenry; or sit in quiet contemplation of the glories that surround you. If you've been to Antarctica and haven't yet been here, this is THE year. And if you've never been to the Southern Ocean, for the sake of your memory bank, heed the call.

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*Blue-eyed shags.*

# SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE FALKLANDS

DEPARTURE: OCT. 22, 2016 | 19 DAYS/16 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

DEPARTURE: OCT. 24, 2016 | 18 DAYS/15 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

PRICES FROM: \$15,930 to \$30,830

Book by June 30, 2016 for complimentary round-trip international and charter airfare. Call for details.

## DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (EXPLORER)

### OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (ORION)

Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Settle into the Sofitel Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) before seeing the city's Beaux-Arts palaces and the famous balcony associated with Eva Perón. Or check into Santiago's Grand Hyatt Hotel (or similar) before our guided overview of this vibrant city backed by the inspiring Andes. (Day 2: L)

## DAY 3: FLY TO USHUAIA/EMBARK

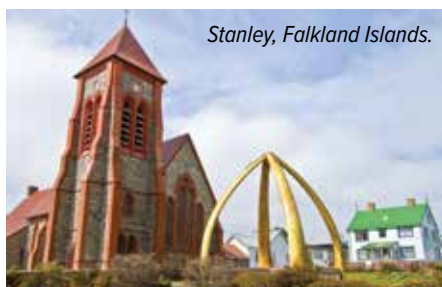
Fly to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. Join a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel before embarking. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: AT SEA IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Settle into shipboard life, listening to informal discussions from our naturalist staff to prepare for the wildness in the Falklands. Spend time on deck and on the bridge, scanning for petrels, penguins and albatross. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5: FALKLAND ISLANDS

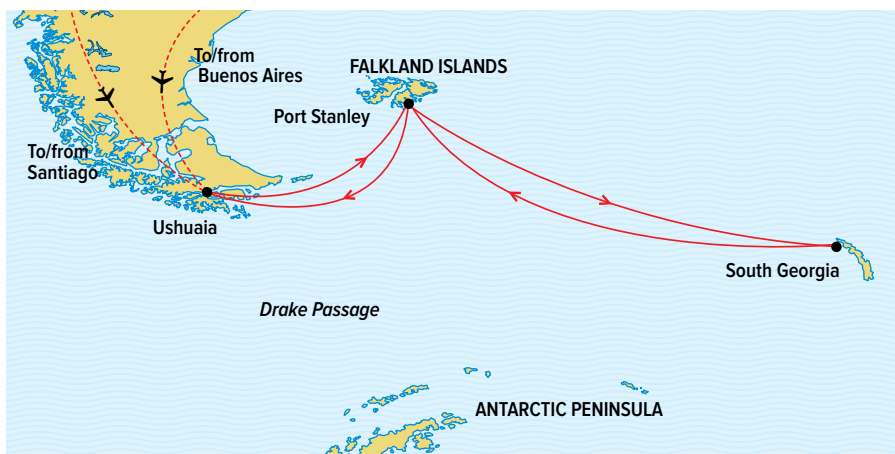
Each Falkland Island is a variation on the theme of topographical beauty with white-sand



Stanley, Falkland Islands.



Falkland Islands.



beaches, vaulting cliffs, windswept moors and the sunlit yellows and sage greens of waving tussock grass. The Falklands boast thousands of irresistible gentoo, rockhopper and Magellanic penguins, as well as fur and elephant seals. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 6 AND 7: AT SEA

During our days at sea, we learn about the fascinating history of Antarctic exploration, as well as the flora, fauna and geology of South Georgia. A lookout is kept to identify the seabirds that follow us: wandering albatross, prions and black-browed albatross. (B,L,D)

## DAYS 8-12: SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND

Arrive on South Georgia as Sven Lindblad, Peter Hillary and Jamling Tenzing Norgay follow in the footsteps of Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary trek across the island. If you choose, hike the final 4-mile stretch of the route, from Fortuna Bay to Stromness Bay. During our time in South Georgia, the *Orion* and *Explorer* will anchor side-by-side, allowing guests to tour the neighboring ship and mingle during a celebratory masked ball on Halloween night. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, our schedule is flexible with opportunities for walking, hiking, kayaking and Zodiac excursions. We plan to make stops every day including Grytviken, the final

resting place of Shackleton, and, on a single beach, you will see tens of thousands of king penguins amid massive elephant seals! (B,L,D)

## DAYS 13 AND 14: AT SEA

With whales beneath and birds above, head up to the bridge. Or spend the day enjoying the ship's spa, fitness center, library, and observation deck. (B,L,D)

## DAY 15: FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our journey across the South Atlantic Ocean takes us once more to the island archipelago that teems with nature and wildlife. Our visit to Port Stanley offers a chance to meet the hospitable locals, hoist a few at a local pub, and stroll this remote Victorian town. (B,L,D)

## DAY 16: AT SEA

One last chance to catch up on your reading in the library and send emails home saying "Don't want this to end." (B,L,D)

## DAYS 17 AND 18: DISEMBARK

USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/BUENOS AIRES (*EXPLORER*) OR SANTIAGO, CHILE (*ORION*)/U.S. Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by charter to Buenos Aires or Santiago and connect with your overnight flight home. (Day 17: B,L)



## 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-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort.

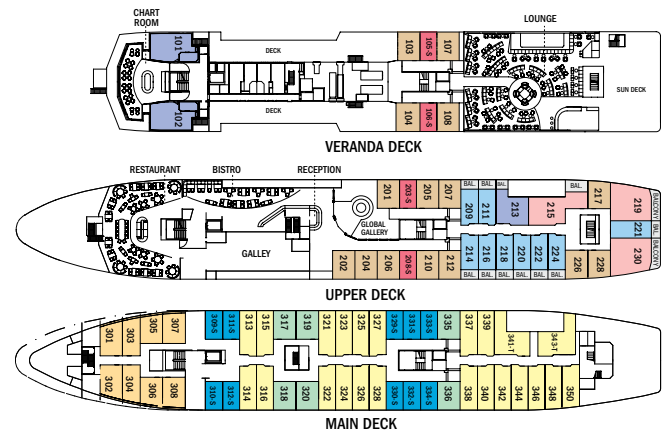
**PUBLIC AREAS:** Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library, lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

There is a fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna, and internet café on board.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling.

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

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, LEX/NG-certified photo instructor and video chronicler, wellness specialist.



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

<b>CATEGORY 1:</b> Main Deck with one or two Portholes #301-308	\$15,930
<b>CATEGORY 2:</b> Main Deck with Window #317-320, 335-336	\$16,990
<b>CATEGORY 3:</b> Main Deck with Window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350	\$17,930
<b>CATEGORY 4:</b> Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228	\$18,990
<b>CATEGORY 5:</b> Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224	\$22,990
<b>CATEGORY 6:</b> Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck–Suite with Balcony #213	\$26,580
<b>CATEGORY 7:</b> Upper Deck–Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230	\$30,830
<b>CATEGORY A SOLO:</b> Main Deck with Window #309-312, 329-334	\$21,240
<b>CATEGORY B SOLO:</b> Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #105-106, 203, 208	\$22,410

**SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS:** Available in Categories 1 and 2. **SOLE OCCUPANCY:** Categories A and B.

**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. Third person rates are 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.

**Book by June 30, 2016 for complimentary round-trip international and charter airfare. Call for details.**

**For Reservations: Contact your travel advisor.**



# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

**CAPACITY:** 102 guests in 53 outside cabins.  
**REGISTRY:** Bahamas. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 338 feet.

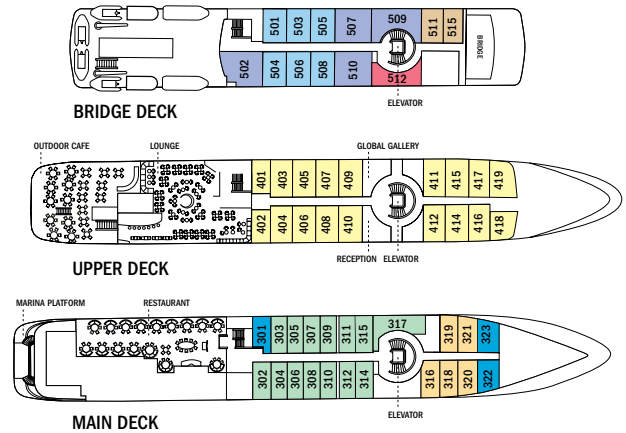
The state-of-the-art *National Geographic Orion* is the newest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an ice-reinforced hull, enabling it to navigate polar passages.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, global gallery, marina platform, and mudroom. Our “open bridge” allows guests to meet our captain and officers and learn about navigation. There is a fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna on board.

**MEALS:** All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling.

**CABINS:** All cabins feature ocean views, private facilities, and climate controls.

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, crow’s nest camera, hydrophone, underwater video cameras, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Laundry, a full-time doctor, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and video chronicler and wellness specialist.



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

<b>CATEGORY 1:</b> Main Deck with oval window #316, 318, 319-321	\$15,930
<b>CATEGORY 2:</b> Main Deck with oval window #302-312, 314, 315, 317	\$16,990
<b>CATEGORY 3:</b> Upper Deck—Suite with window #401-412, 414-419	\$18,990
<b>CATEGORY 4:</b> Bridge Deck—Deluxe suite with window #511, 515	\$22,990
<b>CATEGORY 5:</b> Bridge Deck—Suite with French balcony #501, 503-506, 508	\$26,580
<b>CATEGORY 6:</b> Bridge Deck—Owner’s suite with French balcony #502, 507, 509*, 510	\$30,830
*Cabin 509 has two windows in lieu of a French balcony.	
<b>CATEGORY 1 SOLO:</b> Main Deck with oval window or two portholes #301, 322, 323	\$23,890
<b>CATEGORY 3 SOLO:</b> Bridge Deck—Suite with two windows #512	\$28,480

**NOTE:** Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2. Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**COST INCLUDES:** All ship and hotel accommodations per itinerary, meals indicated and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, shore excursions, sightseeing and entrance fees, special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, use of kayaks, tips (except to ship’s crew), taxes and service charges, services of a ship physician, and services of our expedition staff.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Air transportation (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, baggage/accident/travel protection plan, items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, e-mail, voyage DVD, laundry, etc. Gratuities to ship’s crew at your discretion.

**ADVANCE PAYMENT:** \$2,500 due at time of booking.

**SAMPLE AIRFARES:** Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires or Santiago: Economy from \$1,200; Business from \$3,800. Charter Airfare: \$890 (round-trip Buenos Aires or Santiago/Ushuaia).

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain 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, and are also available on our web site at [www.expeditions.com/terms](http://www.expeditions.com/terms), or upon request. By registering for this trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

**IMPORTANT:** Cancellations are subject to penalty. Call for details on our Cancellation Policy and Travel Protection Plan.

**NOTE:** Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are valid as of publication date, and are subject to change.

**\*BOOK BY JUNE 30, 2016** to receive free international economy group airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). Also receive free round-trip charter flights between Ushuaia and Buenos Aires (*Explorer*) or Santiago (*Orion*). All flights must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. Offer is valid for new bookings only, is subject to availability at the time of booking, and may not be combined with other offers. In the case that the group flights are not available at time of booking, we reserve the right to issue an air credit. Call for details.