ICE BEARS
An In-depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard

June 6-16, 2014
Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dear Bryn Mawr alumnae/i and friends,

A mere 600 miles from the North Pole, located in Norway’s High Arctic, Svalbard is true wilderness, a pristine blue-white land of towering glaciers, lapidary fjords, teeming bird colonies, huddles of walrus hauled out on pebbled beaches, and reindeer grazing on tundra ablaze with wildflowers.

It is also the best place on the planet to see polar bears—wild, majestic, in their native habitat: the sea ice. And see them we do—during our voyage in the Arctic ice, we observe all manner of behaviors from hunting for seals amid the floes to frolicking cubs—all viewable from the proximity and safety of the ship’s deck rail.

You’ll travel there in safety and comfort aboard the ice-strengthened expedition ship National Geographic Explorer, along with the best ice team in the world. With a range of innovative tools for exploring, including a fleet of Zodiacs and kayaks for up-close personal adventures, the Explorer is the perfect mobile platform for discovering all the fascinating aspects of the Arctic. The experienced captain and crew together with a team of onboard naturalists have been exploring this wilderness for years and have found the best spots to look for polar bears or search offshore for some of the largest whales on Earth. In addition, an undersea specialist and a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor help you explore and capture every facet of your journey.

Join us and like-minded travelers June 6-16, 2014 for an unforgettable exploration of the High Arctic. To make your reservation, please return the enclosed reservation form or call Lindblad Expeditions toll free at 888-773-9007.

Sincerely,

Wendy M. Greenfield
Executive Director, Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association

Cover photo: A polar bear leaps from an ice floe in Svalbard. Left: Enjoy the rare privilege of observing polar bears in their natural habitat—the pack ice.

Ship’s Registry: Bahamas
BEARS IN THE LANDSCAPE

Few experiences are as profound as locating and observing bears in Arctic Svalbard. To be on the National Geographic Explorer in the Arctic, maneuvered with near-surgical precision by a skilled ice master as it draws close to a bear hunting on the pack ice or a mother bear instructing her young cubs, is simply enthralling. To be able to hover there, observing these creatures that remain completely undisturbed by the people gazing raptly from the deck rail or by their whirring camera motor drives, is one of life’s most inspiring and satisfying experiences. Every shot featured in this brochure was taken during previous Arctic voyages, and every guest aboard witnessed these same scenes.
Ace spotters like Stefan Lundgren have an uncanny ability to scan vast expanses of featureless ice and distinguish the telltale tinge of ivory against white that says “bear.” Together with the skilled captain, they guide us in close for thrilling observations.
Guests on the lookout as National Geographic Explorer nimbly maneuvers through the pack ice.
THE PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORING THE ARCTIC

Through the agility of National Geographic Explorer and the skill of her captain, we can experience unprecedented encounters in the Arctic, a region of infinite, subtle beauty and an astonishing diversity of life. This is not the passive state of cruising; this is active engagement with the environment and its creatures. It’s not mere looking; it’s seeing and then turning to companion experts for answers to questions, or a sense of context—especially valuable in the High Arctic which plays such a role in the climate change discussion. You’ll return a more informed citizen of the planet, better able to participate in the worldwide conversation about the environment.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER’S TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

✓ Fully stabilized with an ice-reinforced hull
✓ A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet
✓ A remote-controlled crow’s nest camera with real-time footage broadcast on high-definition LCD video screens within each cabin
✓ An electronic chart system that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
✓ A chart room with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
✓ Open invitation to visit the bridge
✓ The observation lounge, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations
✓ 13 Zodiacs and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation
✓ 36 double kayaks that allow guests to explore pristine environments
✓ A professional video chronicler to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase
Go with us for a genuinely exploratory experience. Thanks to Explorer’s tools and expert staff, you can actively engage. Savor the thrill of crunching through the pack ice. Kayak for eye-level encounters. Zodiac where few have gone before. Search for walruses, whales, and polar bears. Discover the undersea. Shoot with an onboard National Geographic photographer and more.
Despite the fact that all companies claim to have knowledgeable experts on board, it simply isn’t, in all cases, true. Over the 40+ years of Lindblad’s history, the quality of its veteran staff and their companionship is the reason their name is known and respected for top-quality expeditions. And with a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor aboard, there is no better team anywhere. The staff composition ensures a diverse range of expertise—naturalists, ornithologists, marine biologists, polar historians, and more. They invest significantly to keep a minimum guest-to-staff ratio of 10:1. Guests are not herded around in large groups, but can gravitate naturally to the staffers they’re most interested in. Guests often comment on how actively the staff participates in the experience, and how personable and accessible they are. Their enthusiasm makes this High Arctic expedition uniquely informative and fun.

**SEEING BENEATH THE ICE**

The world under the Arctic ice is as spectacular and diverse as the icescape. You’ll experience it through underwater video equipment, including a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). The undersea specialist dives, then displays the images he captures on HD TVs while you’re winding down in the ship’s comfortable lounge.

An undersea specialist captures it all, including fish that may be new to science. The ROV is capable of depths up to 1,000 feet, bringing back vivid images for playback in the lounge.
Travel under the midnight sun aboard a comfortable, ice-strengthened ship as we journey through a land of deep fjords, snow-capped mountains, and massive ice sheets to encounter the kings of the Arctic—polar bears. Lindblad Expeditions’ long experience in this region along with a flexible and unhurried itinerary allows us to maximize sightings.

DAY 1: U.S./OSLO, NORWAY

DAY 2: OSLO
Upon arrival, check in to the Thon Hotel Bristol (or similar). Later, stroll among the famed Vigeland sculptures set in parklands and make a visit to the Polar Ship Fram Museum.

DAY 3: OSLO/LONGYEARBYEN/EMBARK
Take a private charter flight to Longyearbyen and embark the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-9: EXPLORING SVALBARD
In true expedition style, we will let nature dictate our day-to-day movements and remain flexible, maximizing our opportunities to observe Svalbard’s abundant...
wildlife. With a fully stabilized, ice-class expedition ship, we probe the ice in search of seals, Arctic foxes, and the very symbol of the Arctic—polar bears. Once spotted, the scene is one of sheer excitement and reverence for these great animals. They are often seen on the pack ice searching for a meal, but a few times each season we sight a bear which has recently caught a seal. Cruising in Svalbard’s fjords in the legendary land of the midnight sun, we venture to the foot of stunning tidewater glaciers. Zodiac and kayak among beautiful icebergs, and experience the geology, wildlife, and wildflowers that give color and vitality to the High Arctic. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: LONGYEARBYEN/DISEMBARK/OSLO
Disembark and explore Longyearbyen before we fly to Oslo. Overnight at the Radisson Blu Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 11: OSLO/HOME (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS
» Iceland’s Natural Wonders, Post-voyage, 4 Days
» Norway’s Fjords, Pre-voyage, 5 Days
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 newest addition to the Lindblad fleet. It is fully stabilized with an ice-reinforced hull, 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 underwater 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. 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 Crow’s Nest camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, LEX photo specialist, 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 a Main Deck cabin with window. Spacious solo cabins are available on all decks. Standard bathrooms are stocked with a hair dryer, terrycloth robes, and deluxe amenities.
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless otherwise indicated as solo.

**Category 1:** $8,990
Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**Category 2:** $9,590
Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

**Category 3:** $9,960
Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**Category 4:** $10,560
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**Category 5:** $12,470
Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**Category 6:** $14,550
Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

**Category 7:** $16,630
Upper Deck–Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**Category A Solo:** $11,990
Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**Category B Solo:** $12,460
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**Category 3 Triple:** $13,500
Main Deck with window #341, 343

**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-size bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-size bed.

**NOTE:** Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. 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.
Expedition Cost Includes: Accommodations aboard ship; two hotel nights in Oslo; meals indicated; nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and tips (except to ship’s crew); services of a ship physician and Lindblad’s expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation between hometown/Oslo and Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo; meals not indicated; extensions; 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; and discretionary gratuities to ship’s crew.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Newark/Oslo: Economy from $1,400; Business from $3,900; Charter flights Oslo/Longyearbyen/Oslo: $725 per person. Lindblad will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee. Fares subject to change.

Note: A complete packet of pre-departure information, including recommended reading list and packing suggestions, will be sent to you approximately four months prior to your departure.

Terms & Conditions

Reservations: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US $1,000 per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

Final Payment: Due 90 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: Because the cancellation policies outlined below are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Upon receiving your reservation, the Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association will send you information on this coverage. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage and medical evacuation. Please contact Sarah Doody with the Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association at sdoody@brynmawr.edu or 610-526-5316 for further information.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of the Company’s (Lindblad Expeditions) liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests prior to final payment, and to prospective guests upon request.

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. The Company reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the Company’s actual cost of fuel.

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This policy applies to expeditions and may differ for extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
Reservation Form: Land of the Ice Bears
Aboard National Geographic Explorer — June 6-16, 2014

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:
☐ Iceland extension  ☐ Norway’s Fjords extension

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ___________________ (US$1,000 per person).
Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

☐ Charge my advance payment of $ ___________________ (US$1,000 per person)
to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express or ☐ Discover.

Account Number: ____________________________ Expires: ____________________

Cardholder Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Explore nature in its purest form in the High Arctic aboard National Geographic Explorer.

» See wild polar bears in their natural habitat—on the sea ice.

» Experience the land of the midnight sun, where the sun never sets.

» Observe walruses, seals, arctic foxes, and reindeer.

» Explore in Zodiaks and kayaks with a team of expert naturalists, undersea specialists, and photographers.