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# COSTA RICA AND THE PANAMA CANAL

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President & CEO of World Affairs Council of America



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## EXPEDITIONS

March 13-20, 2027 | Aboard the *National Geographic Quest*

**SPECIAL OFFER: 5% GROUP SAVINGS**



## Dear Curious Travelers,

Bridging the Americas and dividing two oceans, Costa Rica and Panama are small, neighboring nations brimming with wonders. At this tropical crossroads, waterfalls cascade from misty mountains into winding jungle rivers, where the canopies are alive with a wild symphony of roaring howler monkeys and squawking scarlet macaws. It's easy to see how Costa Rica's pristine beauty inspired the popular greeting, *pura vida*—or “pure life.” Then, amid Panama's lush wilderness, stands an astonishing triumph of human ingenuity: the monumental lock system of the Panama Canal.

Discover these remote rainforests, idyllic islands, and feats of engineering aboard the small and purpose-built *National Geographic Quest*. This nimble, 50-cabin vessel is perfectly designed to sail along the sinuous channels and hidden coves of wild places, from Panama's idyllic Coiba Island to Costa Rica's jungle-shrouded Osa Peninsula. We also have special permission to transit the Panama Canal over two days, which allows us to take in eye-level views of its intricate workings and dazzling illumination.

Our eight-day itinerary features adventures for every pace and skill level. Wind around the Gulf of Panama's tiny islets by Zodiac, or kayak past the tranquil mangroves of Golfo Dulce in Costa Rica's southernmost reaches. Snorkel among thousands of colorful fish, glide across turquoise waters on a stand-up paddleboard, or simply relax on golden sands. A veteran expedition team is always on hand to help you spot endemic agouti, fiery-billed aracaris, and other fascinating species hidden in the dense forest canopy. Plus, a certified photo instructor is dedicated to helping you capture the photos of a lifetime.

To reserve your space, please return the enclosed reservation form or call 800-942-5004.

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught  
Director of Travel



**Matthew Hughes** is the President & CEO of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA), the nation's largest nonpartisan network dedicated to fostering global understanding. A seasoned traveler and advocate for global education, Matthew has lived in South America and along the U.S.-Mexico border, is fluent in Spanish, and has explored all 50 U.S. states and six continents. He has previously served as tour host for two World Affairs Council of Philadelphia travel programs to Europe, including journeys through the Iberian Peninsula and Atlantic Europe. Before taking the helm at WACA, he led the International Relations Council, WACA's affiliate in Kansas City, and worked in global programs at People to People International. A former educator with a deep commitment to civic learning and international engagement, Matthew is excited to accompany travelers on the 2027 Costa Rica and Panama Canal journey and share in meaningful conversations and discoveries along the way.



## Costa Rica and the Panama Canal

8 Days | From \$6,451pp

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Day 1 • San José, Costa Rica /  
Puerto Caldera / Embark Ship

Day 2 • Osa Conservation Area

Days 3-4 • Golfo Dulce / Osa Peninsula

Day 5 • Coiba National Park, Panama

Day 6 • Gulf of Panama Islets /  
Panama Canal Transit

Day 7 • Gatún Lake / Panama Canal Transit

Day 8 • Colón / Panama City, Panama /  
Disembark Ship

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

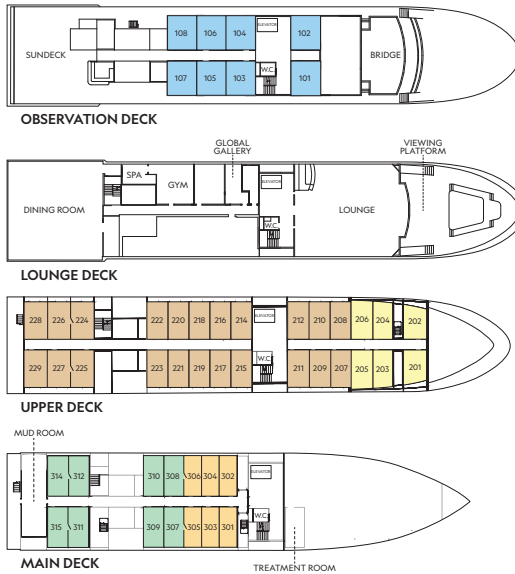
- Venturing into remote wilderness to hike among monkeys, sloths and tropical birds, and explore far from inhabited places.
- Transiting the Panama Canal over two days to see it by day and in the coolness of night—plus, enjoy an exclusive stop at the Smithsonian Research Institute.
- Touring the wild rainforests surrounding Corcovado National Park, which *National Geographic* magazine dubbed “the most biologically intense place on Earth.”
- Exploring idyllic islands, snorkeling over a vibrant coral reef, and taking a Zodiac cruise up a wild river.



## *National Geographic Quest*

The *National Geographic Quest* accommodates 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and is ideal for the fast-moving channels and shallow coves of Pan-American waters. Modern and clean-lined, with large expanses of glass to take in the extraordinary views, the *National Geographic Quest* enables guests to experience the best of her geographies.

## SHIP DECK PLAN & PRICING



**VOYAGE DATE: MARCH 13–20, 2027**

**Advance Payment Details:** 15% of the cabin fare, per person

**Prices are per person, double-occupancy unless indicated as solo**

5% Savings

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>\$6,790</b>	<b>\$6,451</b>
Main Deck #301–306 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.		
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>\$7,270</b>	<b>\$6,907</b>
Main Deck #307–315 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.		
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>\$7,780</b>	<b>\$7,391</b>
Upper Deck #201–206 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two large windows.		
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>\$9,340</b>	<b>\$8,873</b>
Upper Deck #207–229 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, sliding glass door and small, private balcony.		
<b>Category 5*</b>	<b>\$10,270</b>	<b>\$9,757</b>
Observation Deck #101–108 – Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, large windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.		
<b>Category 1 Solo</b>	<b>\$10,185</b>	<b>\$9,676</b>
Main Deck #301–306		
<b>Category 2 Solo</b>	<b>\$10,905</b>	<b>\$10,360</b>
Main Deck #307–315		

**Note:** Solo occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third-person rates are available in certain categories at one-half the double-occupancy rate.

**Shared Accommodations:** Shares can be arranged at the double-occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

### SPECIAL GROUP SAVINGS:

Enjoy 5% savings on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Valid on this departure date of *Costa Rica and the Panama Canal*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

## INCLUSIVE PRICING

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- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and hotels, as indicated in the itinerary
- Airport transfers for flights arriving and departing within the recommended window
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, plus hors d'oeuvres and 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, nonalcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Selection of exploration tools curated to the destination, such as kayaks, Zodiacs, etc.
- Presentations on your destination by expedition staff and expert guest speakers
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers and local tour escorts, where applicable
- The services of a medical professional where applicable
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment where available
- 24-hour access to the lounge, library, observation decks and other shared spaces
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- Park and site entrance fees, special access permits and port taxes

**Beer, Wine, Cocktails & Spirits:** Your bar tab is included. Premium wines and spirits are available for purchase.

**Complimentary Wi-Fi:** Wireless internet is offered through Speedcast and Starlink. Enjoy a complimentary basic Wi-Fi plan that accommodates email, messaging and social media apps. Upgrades are also available, ranging in price from \$25 per day to \$300 for the entire voyage.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double-occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking.

**COST INCLUDES:** All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare (except flights when indicated as included and/or as required); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; premium brand cocktails and spirits; crew gratuities; private transfers; enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans aboard expedition fleet; laundry, spa treatments, and phone services; travel protection plans; passport, visa and immigration fees.

**ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS:** Itineraries, routing and speakers listed are correct at time of publication, and are subject to change.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

**RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:** It is strongly recommended that you purchase a travel protection plan and medical insurance, which are available at an extra cost. Information will be sent upon registration.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) 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, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

## CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

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**120 or more days** prior to expedition start: **No penalty.** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition\*  
**119-90 days** prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost\*\***  
**89-0 days** prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost\*\***

\*Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.

\*\*Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.

*This cancellation policy applies to expeditions, extensions and all other additional services. The effective date of a cancellation will be the date on which your cancellation notice is received. Note: Airline cancellation policies vary by carrier and type of fare used to issue your ticket.*

*Any revisions you make within the cancellation penalty period, such as departure date or choice of voyage, are subject to cancellation fees. The cancellation policy for certain longer voyages and holiday departures may vary due to high demand for these voyages. We strongly recommend purchasing a travel protection plan to protect yourself from fees in the event you need to cancel your reservation.*

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### Contact Information

**Please send reservation to:**

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1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 1660  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

**For any other questions, contact  
the World Affairs Council at:**

Phone: 800-942-5004  
Email: [travel@wacphila.org](mailto:travel@wacphila.org)  
Web: [wacphila.org/travel](http://wacphila.org/travel)

### Passenger Information

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s).

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name as it appears on passport)*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name as it appears on passport)*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:  Double  Single  Twin share with a friend  
 Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Advance Payment Information: 15% of the cabin fare per person.

If paying by check, please make payable to: Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.  
Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect  
payment information.

**Interested in extending your travels?** Be sure to check the MYLEX portal after your  
booking is confirmed to explore available options.



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