

# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

## INFORMATION DIRECTORY



We are delighted you have chosen the National Geographic Orion for your upcoming voyage and hope this information answers any questions you may have pertaining to the vessel.

### SHIP TECHNICAL DETAILS

Passengers: 102

Cabins: 53

Decks: 5

Length: 103 metres

Width (Beam): 14.25 metres

Gross Tonnage: 3984

Speed: 13 knots

Registered: Bahamas

Year Built: 2003

### SHIP INFORMATION

#### AIR-CONDITIONING

The ship is air-conditioned throughout. Each cabin has its own thermostat, allowing you to control the temperature in your cabin.

#### BRIDGE

Passengers are welcome to visit the ship's bridge to see the business of navigation unfold. Ask the watch officer questions about navigation or help yourself to the ever-ready binoculars to scan the horizon for wildlife. There may occasionally be times when the bridge must be restricted to shipboard personnel only.

#### CABIN INFORMATION

Accommodation on board is arranged over three decks and all cabins are outside facing with either portholes or windows. The cabins feature comfortable twin beds that can be converted to a queen; the twin beds measure 200 cm x 90 cm and the queen beds measure 200 cm x 180 cm. All cabins and suites feature a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror, wardrobe and hairdryer. Bathroom amenities include shampoo, shower gel and lotion as well as an Expedition Essential Kit with SPF15 lip balm.

**Category 1 cabins** are located on the Main Deck and feature an oval window. These cabins measure from 16.2 to 16.7 square metres.

**Category 2 cabins** are located on the Main Deck and feature an oval window. These cabins measure 16.7 square metres.

**Category 3 cabins** are located on the Upper Deck and feature a window. These cabins measure from 19.5 to 20.4 square metres.

**Category 4 suites** are located on the Bridge Deck and feature a window. These suites measure 21.3 square metres.

**Category 5 suites** are located on the Bridge Deck and feature a sliding glass door leading on to a French balcony. These suites measure 21.3 square metres.

**Category 6 owner's suites** are located on the Bridge Deck and feature a sliding glass door leading on to a French balcony. These suites measure 32 square metres and the bathrooms feature a bathtub as well as shower. *Please note that suite 509 has two windows instead of a French balcony.*

**Category 1 SOLO** cabins are located on the Main Deck and feature a porthole. These cabins measure from 16.2 to 16.7 square metres.

**Category 3 SOLO** suite is located on the Bridge Deck. This suite features a window and measures 16.2 square metres.

#### CABIN KEYS

Keys are not issued and Lindblad Expeditions has always operated with a no-key policy. Experience has shown that keys are not necessary and a much more relaxed atmosphere prevails when cabins do not need to be locked. Cabin doors may be locked from the inside, however.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The vessel features satellite internet access available through the purchase of an internet plan. Internet plans can be purchased through the onboard internet portal by connecting to the vessel's Wi-Fi system. Telephone numbers for contacting the vessel are provided in your final documents. Additional information on making phone calls or sending/receiving eFaxes can be found on board in your cabin Guest Directory.

#### DAILY PROGRAMME

Each evening a copy of the following day's daily programme will be placed in your cabin. Please remember that in remote areas or when weather conditions play an important role, the day's events and timings may be altered.

#### DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

If you have any dietary requirements such as vegetarian, low salt, gluten free or low cholesterol, please notify the Reservations Department at Noble Caledonia. We regret that not all dietary requirements can be guaranteed. Once on board, please speak to the Maitre D' at dinner on your first night on board to reconfirm your requirements.

#### DINING

The onboard chefs prepare local cuisine using fresh ingredients whenever possible, including locally grown produce and

sustainably caught seafood. Breakfast and lunch will feature different cold and hot options to choose from daily. Each evening, you will have the opportunity to choose between three dinner entrees – meat, fish, or vegetarian. Every morning there will be an early riser snack available in the Lounge before breakfast is served. Meals aboard are almost always served in the restaurant, located on the Main Deck. When weather conditions allow, meals can be served in the outdoor café.

#### DRESS CODE ON BOARD

The atmosphere aboard is casual, there is no expectation of any formal dress whatsoever; after all, it is an expedition.

#### ELECTRICAL CURRENT

Each cabin is equipped with 110 volt (standard American-style) outlets. Electric razors, hairdryers and other small appliances may be used in cabin outlets. We recommend that you take an adaptor with you. Please note that the electrical current is sometimes uneven, so we suggest you use a surge protector if you have one for your computer or other sensitive equipment.

#### GRATUITIES

Gratuities have been included in your holiday price.

#### KAYAKS

The ship is equipped with a small fleet of two-person kayaks. The onboard naturalists will help the novices, while experts can explore further afield.

#### LAUNDRY

At an additional charge, the ship's laundry will handle personal laundry and ironing.

#### LIFT

There is a lift on board that services all decks.

#### LOST PROPERTY

Before you disembark the ship, please check your cabin to ensure you do not leave anything behind. If you discover you have left any items behind, please contact Noble Caledonia. If we are able to recover your item(s) we will contact you to arrange delivery or collection, and to advise of any associated costs.

#### LUGGAGE STORAGE

Your cabin has been designed so that luggage can be stored under your bed. There is space to hang and store clothing.

#### MAIL

Although the Purser will be happy to post letters on your behalf, they may not be able to do so straightaway or at the port of call at which you make such a request. Some postal services are unreliable and many letters or postcards that you ask to be delivered on

your behalf may be delayed or even lost en-route.

#### MEDICAL

There will be a medically trained professional aboard, and his or her services will be provided free of charge. They will be available at any time in case of an emergency.

#### ONBOARD ACCOUNT & CURRENCY

The ship is equipped with a point of sales system that will track your daily shipboard expenses. You may be asked to sign for certain items, and you will be presented with an itemised ship's bill at the end of your voyage. Personal cheques issued by U.S. banks, Travellers Cheques, U.S. Dollars, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted to settle accounts on board. The official currency on board is the U.S. Dollar. Due to currency regulations, re-exchange to dollars or from one local currency to another is not permitted.

#### PADDLEBOARDS

The ship is equipped with eight stand-up paddleboards, for a fun, active and unique perspective. The paddleboards are made in the USA of ultra-durable, eco-friendly materials by Glide Stand-up Paddleboards – the paradigm of the industry. They are custom built to Lindblad's specifications for versatility and performance.

#### PRESENTATIONS

The Expedition Leader and naturalists will offer presentations throughout your expedition. Held in the lounge, presentations will cover a variety of topics and reflect what you are learning and experiencing both on land and at sea.

#### PUBLIC SPACES

The ship features an outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, observation lounge, library and marina platform. The whirlpool hot tub doubles as a plunge pool in warmer climates.

**Lounge:** The window lined lounge is the heart of the vessel and where the cocktail hour and recap will be held each evening. It is also where you will gather for presentations, photography talks, and guest speaker presentations. Seating design takes advantage of the wraparound windows for an optimal view and boasts multiple high-definition screens for slideshows and videos.

**Bar:** The bar is typically open from 11.00 am until one hour after lunch begins and from 5.00 pm until closing. Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits are included aboard the National Geographic Orion. A selection of premium wines and spirits are also available for purchase.

**Sundeck:** Morning stretch classes are held in the open air of the sundeck, located aft on the observation deck. After stretch class the deck is set with tables and chairs, and lounge chairs.

**Spa:** Massages, body treatments, natural facial treatments, and hand and foot treatments are available in the LEXspa.

**Fitness Centre:** Conveniently located on the observation deck, the fitness centre is outfitted with two treadmills, exercise bikes, elliptical machines, exercise bands, and sets of small hand weights.

**Global Gallery:** The global market is a collection of items made by local residents. It is conveniently located on the ship's lounge deck. You may find silver jewellery crafted in Alaska, paintings, and books by your naturalist staff, plus expedition clothing and other essentials. Every item purchased in the global market contributes to the Lindblad Artisan Fund, which supports artisans in communities around the world.

#### QUESTIONNAIRES

Your comments are important to us therefore before your cruise ends, you will receive a questionnaire. We are always looking for ways to improve your holiday and in order to do this we need some feedback from our guests.

#### SMOKING

Smoking is allowed only in designated outdoor areas. Smoking is not permitted in guest cabins.

#### SNORKELLING & DIVING

There will be snorkelling gear for all guests on board. There will also be scuba gear available for a number of pre-qualified guests. If you are wishing to dive, please speak to the Noble Caledonia reservations department in advance to discuss the requirements. There will be a minimum of two dive masters on board.

#### VALUABLES

The ship is not equipped with safety deposit boxes. We recommend that you leave jewellery and other valuables at home.

#### ZODIACS

The Zodiacs will enable exploration of otherwise inaccessible places. The National Geographic Orion is outfitted with Mark V Zodiacs which are built entirely in the USA. These boats are of a superior, military grade construction with customised features like extra holds for passenger stability and topside treads to improve footing. Guests will embark and disembark via custom designed ladders to improve safety and ease of movement. For the South Pacific there will also be a glass bottom Zodiac. A Zodiac safety briefing will be given on board.

*Please note: These details should be used as a guideline only. Information is subject to change.*

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