LAND OF THE ICE BEARS
AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ARCTIC SVALBARD

June 14-24, 2013
Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dear Massachusetts Audubon Traveler,

The Mass Audubon cruise of the Svalbard archipelago in Norway, including the island of Spitsbergen, was our most popular trip this year and I am delighted to offer this High Arctic cruise again for June 2013. Svalbard is true wilderness and home to millions of seabirds. Commonly seen are Little Auk, Northern Fulmar, Thick-billed Murre, and Black-legged Kittiwake. We will also look for Red Phalarope, Common Murre, Ivory Gull, and Pomarine Jaeger, as well as Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Brant, Common and King Eiders.

But the highlight for most of us will be the polar bears — wild and majestic in their native habitat: the sea ice. This is the best place on the planet to see them and we will observe all manner of behaviors from hunting for seals to frolicking cubs. All viewed from the proximity and safety of the ship’s deck rail. Walrus, whales and other marine mammals will also be observed as we travel through this pristine archipelago surrounded by glaciers and fjords.

You will travel in safety and comfort aboard the ice-strengthened expedition ship National Geographic Explorer, along with a world-class ice team. 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.

In addition to the outstanding on-board leadership, Mass Audubon ornithologist, Dr. David Larson will also be joining this cruise.* David is the Education Coordinator for the Joppa Flats Education Center and Director of Mass Audubon’s Birder’s Certificate Program. He runs a series of popular seabird tours and programs every summer and has birded and led expeditions throughout North, Central, and South America, and in Africa and Japan. (*David will participate only if there are minimum of 15 Mass Audubon travelers signed on.)

Call us now! In this past, this trip has sold out immediately after announcing. So sign up now to join this unforgettable exploration of the High Arctic. **To make your reservation, please return the attached reservation form or call 800-289-9504.**

Sincerely,

Karen O’Neill, Director, Natural History Travel
www.massaudubon.org/travel

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-1A Super rating on the forward 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 Zodiaks 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

At the bridge
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.
TRAVEL WITH EXPERTS, RELY ON EXPERIENCE

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 Continental Hotel (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 EXTENSION
» Exploring Iceland, 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 a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel with an Ice-1A Super rating on the forward 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 undersea 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, splashcam, underwater video camera, crow’s nest remote-controlled 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:** $8,650
Main Deck with one or two portholes #301-308

**Category 2:** $9,230
Main Deck with window #317-320, 335-336

**Category 3:** $9,580
Main Deck with window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

**Category 4:** $10,150
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

**Category 5:** $11,990
Upper Deck with balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

**Category 6:** $13,990
Veranda Deck-Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #213

**Category 7:** $15,990
Upper Deck-Suite with balcony #215, 219, 230

**Category A Solo:** $11,540
Main Deck with window #309-312, 329-334

**Category B Solo:** $11,980
Upper and Veranda Decks with window #105-106, 203, 208

**Category 3 Triple:**
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-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized 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.
**SPECIAL OFFER**

**BRING THE KIDS:** We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So, take $500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under 18.

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**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 $1,250; Business from $2,300; 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.

**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:** Cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance is available at extra cost. Information will be sent to you upon registration.

**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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### CANCELLATION POLICY

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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
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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 extensions.

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ __________________ (US$1,000 per person).
Check made payable to Massachusetts Audubon Society.

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

Account Number: ___________________________ Expires: __________________
Cardholder Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________
Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 34,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 225,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon’s mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women’s fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our work.

To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org.