



Arctic, Alaska, Asia & Greenland
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Epic Northwest Passage: Iceland to Japan

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime, 69-day odyssey that traces the far reaches of the North Atlantic and Pacific, blending Viking history, Arctic exploration and the cultural wonders of Japan. Begin in Iceland and Greenland, navigating Erik the Red's legendary route through majestic fjords and along ice-sculpted shores, and continue into the fabled Northwest Passage, crossing from Greenland to Alaska. As you explore Alaska's remote and rugged Aleutian Islands and the Pacific's "Ring of Fire," encounter rare wildlife and untamed landscapes before reaching Japan. In this storied island nation, where ancient samurai traditions meet modern culture, uncover imperial dynasties, sacred shrines and volcanic vistas.

From
\$ 108,285 / per person
Does not include flights

	DATES Jul		DURATION 69 Days
	SHIPS <i>National Geographic Resolution</i>		
	STARTS AT Reykjavík, Iceland	→	 ENDS AT Kyoto, Japan

Highlights

- ★ Set sail on an extraordinary 69-day journey across the top of the globe and down to East Asia—checking off a host of bucket-list experiences along the way
- ★ Venture into the fabled Northwest Passage and learn the dramatic stories of explorers and adventurers who sought this magnificent, icy frontier
- ★ Glide between soaring icebergs at the mouth of Greenland's Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- ★ Delve into the history of the samurai and their feudal lords while visiting Japan's castles, gardens and samurai districts in Matsue and Uwajima





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Reykjavík, Iceland

Arrive in Reykjavík, the world's northernmost capital, which lies just below the Arctic Circle. Transfer from the airport to the city and spend the day exploring at your own pace. Check in with the hospitality desk this afternoon before embarking the ship.

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

Flatey Island

Explore Iceland's western frontier, visiting Flatey Island, a trading post for many centuries turned sleepy summer islet. Walk around the charming little hamlet and hike across hiking trails that trace the path past seasonal puffin population on the cliffs.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-4

Westfjords

Explore the beautiful and peaceful Westfjords region of Iceland. Enjoy a hike to a remote waterfall, a Zodiac cruise alongside stunning scenery or bike along the coast of the Westfjords. Enter Ísafjarðardjúp and land at Vigur Island to visit the eider farm and learn about the down cleaning process. Get to know the capital of the Westfjords, Ísafjörður, through a walking tour complete with local sights, sounds and tastes.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Crossing the Denmark Strait

Sail away from the Westfjords of Iceland and across the Denmark Strait, which connects the Arctic and Atlantic Ocean. The Strait is home to the world's

largest waterfall, caused by powerful currents and glaciers. Listen to talks by experts, relax with a book in the lounge or the observation deck and keep an eye out for wildlife as the ship sails across the continental shelf.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Exploring East Greenland

The coast of the world's largest island is etched with thousands of fjords, some of which reach back to the Greenlandic ice sheet. Spend the day exploring these stunning inlets of the eastern coast as the staff uses the ship's underwater cameras and Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to help you discover marine life and fascinating underwater geology. Ice permitting, sail deep into Skjoldungen fjord and soak in your arrival to Greenland on a Zodiac cruise or in a kayak among the icebergs.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

Prins Christian Sund / Tasermiut Fjord

Sail into Prins Christian Sund, which cuts into the southern tip of Greenland, passing between soaring pinnacles and glaciers, allowing the ship to sail through the sheltered waters of this dramatic landscape. As you round the southern coast of Greenland, enter Tasermiut Fjord, known as Arctic Patagonia, for its sheer granite rock faces and dramatic valley filled with glaciers or their moraines. Spend time exploring by foot, kayak or zodiac along its shores.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 8-9

Qaqortoq and Tunulliarfik Fjord

Qaqortoq and Tunulliarfik Fjord provide two days of insight, culture and local interactions. Walk through the ruins of Bratthlid, Erik the Red's farm, visiting replicas of the church and the family's longhouse. Explore the same shores from which their son, Leif Eriksson, launched the first voyages to North America—500 years before Columbus. Visit the unofficial capital of southern Greenland at Qaqortoq, with just over 3,200 residents. The colonial influence is visible throughout the town, with houses painted in primary colors and architecture dating back to the 1700s. Stroll through the town square and visit the museum, where Greenlandic kayaks, hunting equipment and local art and handicrafts are on display. Finally, walk through the walls of Hvalsey church, located in the fjords behind Qaqortoq, the best-preserved Norse ruins in all of Greenland and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 10

Nuuk

Perched on the seaside in the shadow of ice-capped Sermitsiaq Mountain, Nuuk is the world's smallest capital city by population, with some 19,000 inhabitants, experiencing tremendous cultural and economic growth. Watch for harp seals as you enter the harbor and take a walking tour with local residents to learn how the community has changed over the generations. At the National Museum, examine the extraordinary 15th-century Qilakitsoq mummies found near Uummannaq—a discovery that was featured in a *National Geographic* magazine cover story in 1985. The Arctic ice preserved these mummies so well that researchers have been able to study their tattoos, their medical conditions and even what they ate.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 11

Eternity Fjord

In the early morning, the ship enters Eternity Fjord (Kangerlussuatsiaq Fjord), which winds picturesquely past steep mountains and stunning tidewater glaciers. In the far reaches of the fjord, take a Zodiac cruise along the face of one of the many glaciers or hike over glacial moraines to a waterfall. In the afternoon, continue exploring this varied landscape and fjord system either by foot, kayak, or zodiac and hear from experts about the physical changes to the landscape year over year.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 12

Sisimiut

Upon arrival to Sisimiut, a former whaling port, enjoy your choice of guided walks through the sights and sounds of the village, including a meeting with the caretakers of the Greenlandic Dog Project, or hiking part of the Arctic Circle trail. In your free time, enjoy a local food tasting, visit the open-air museum or explore the local artisan workshops.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 13-14

Ilulissat and Disko Bay

Sail into Qeqertarsuup Tunua, also known as Disko Bay, and be welcomed by floating icebergs calved off the world's most active glacier, Sermeq Kujalleq. Enjoy an extraordinary cruise aboard local boats among towering icebergs of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ilulissat Icefjord. Visit the town of Ilulissat and hike into the Sermermiut Valley, once an Inuit settlement and now home to a peaceful boardwalk overlooking the Icefjord. As the ship make its way north through Disko Bay, if ice conditions permit, you'll follow the inside passage of Disko Island and trace the shores of the Nuussuaq Peninsula as you keep watch for a glimpse of the Greenlandic Ice Sheet.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 15

Uummannaq / Qilakitsoq

The village of Uummannaq sits on a tiny, yet dramatic island in the Uummannaq Fjord, dominated by a massive peak rising at its center. Visit the town's excellent community museum to see traditional clothing and tools along with scenes of everyday life on these islands and enjoy a stroll through the streets of this northern outpost. In the afternoon, with special village permissions, cross the fjord to the site of Qilakitsoq, an important archaeological site for Greenlanders, where eight mummies, dating back to 1475, were discovered in 1972. These eight individuals, all extraordinarily well-preserved women and children, were Thule people, the ancestors of the modern Inuit and was featured on the cover of the February 1985 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. For the adventurous hikers, make your own respectful journey up to the final resting place of these ancestors.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 16

Exploring Greenland's Fjords

Sail along Greenland's fjords and look for Arctic foxes, whales and—with luck—caribou. Paddle a kayak along the steep sides of the fjord or ride a Zodiac to see the glacially carved landscape up close.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 17

Nuuk, Greenland

Enjoy a scenic sailing out of the Nuuk fjord and into the open water of the Davis Strait as you navigate north along the coastline. Guests not continuing on to the next voyage will disembark.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 18

Greenland's West Coast and Sisimiut

The massive ice sheet that blankets much of Greenland feeds dozens of fjords and glaciers on the dramatic western coast. Be on the lookout for humpback and minke whales as you trace these rugged shores. During a stop at the former whaling port of Sisimiut, visit the local museum and stroll among the town's 18th-century wooden buildings.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 19

Disko Bay / Ilulissat

Sail into Disko Bay to explore the World Heritage-listed Ilulissat Icefjord, a tongue of the Greenland ice sheet that extends to the bay. Here, the Sermeq Kujalleq glacier calves enormous amounts of ice at an astonishing rate, releasing icebergs that can soar up to 300 feet. A cruise among these gigantic sculptures of ice is a highlight of your voyage. Explore the remains of the historic fishing village of Sermermiut and take in spectacular views of the ice-laden mouth of the fjord.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 20-22

Exploring East Baffin Island, Nunavut, Canada

Begin your exploration of the Canadian High Arctic along the beautiful bays and inlets along Baffin Island's Lancaster Sound, a favorite Inuit hunting and fishing location for hundreds of years. Carved by Ice Age glaciers, Lancaster Sound is also the eastern gateway to the Arctic Archipelago, where European explorers like William Baffin first ventured in the 17th century to search for the Northwest Passage. Days here are spent searching for ringed seals, arctic foxes, walruses and polar bears, as well as beluga

and bowhead whales. Visit Devon Island and take a walk with the ship's archaeologist to learn about the Thule people—ancestors of the modern Inuit—that once inhabited this region.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 23-32

Exploring the Northwest Passage

Your ice-strengthened ship, *National Geographic Resolution*, navigates the Northwest Passage following nature's path—dependent on ice and weather conditions. Taking cues from nature, you'll follow wildlife, stop for hikes on the tundra or drop anchor in a beautiful fjord or an icy bay to explore and kayak beneath massive ice sculptures and soaring cliffs.

Along the way, explore ice-studded channels and glacier-carved islands that stretch for hundreds of miles—a stunning display of raw geology; sail past the northernmost part of mainland North America in the Bellot Strait, one of the narrowest and most infamous of the passage; and cross the top of the Northwest Territory of Canada to search for ringed seals, arctic foxes, musk oxen, walruses and polar bears, as well as beluga and bowhead whales.

History and culture are also on the itinerary. Learn about the Inuit peoples who have hunted and fished here for thousands of years. And hear heroic stories of the early explorers: Roald Amundsen, John Ross, William Edward Parry and James Clark Ross, among others.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 33

At Sea

Indulge in *National Geographic Resolution's* amenities as you continue along the shores of the Canadian High Arctic. Soak in the ship's infinity-style outdoor hot tubs, take in panoramic views from

the rooftop observation deck and enjoy talks from onboard experts. Take time to reflect on the amazing wildlife and geology that have highlighted your journey so far.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 34

Herschel Island, Yukon Territory

Once a thriving whaling village off the coast of the Yukon Territory, Herschel Island is now classified as a Natural Environmental Park. The island protects the wildlife alongside the heritage of the Inuvialuit people and the whaling industry. As you wander through Herschel's historic dwellings, keep an eye out for the wildlife residents, which include bears, musk oxen and arctic foxes. The area is also home to the largest colony of black guillemots in the Western Arctic.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 35-37

At Sea

As you continue to sail westward along the northern coast of Alaska, reflect on your adventures while scanning the water for marine life and enjoying life on board. Take a yoga class, unwind with a massage in the wellness center and curl up next to the fireplace in the library. Share images with your National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions certified photography instructor and marvel at footage captured by the ship's underwater camera.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 38

Nome, Alaska, U.S.

Arrive in the remote city of Nome, Alaska, on the coast of the Bering Sea. Disembark to explore the town prior to heading back on ship. Guests not continuing on to the next voyage will disembark.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 39-40

Pribilof Islands / St. Paul and St. George Islands

A naturalist's paradise, the Pribilof Islands welcome three million seabirds and a million marine mammals each summer during the breeding season. Cruise beneath the cliffs of St. George, rocky outcrops that harbor one of the largest seabird colonies in the Northern Hemisphere. Watch for horned and tufted puffins, red-legged kittiwakes, crested auklets and rare Asian vagrant species seldom seen in North America. Go ashore on St. Paul, home to the majority of the Pribilofs' more than half a million northern fur seals.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 41

Baby Islands / Dutch Harbor

The westernmost tip of the Alaska mainland gives way to a 1,100-mile-long string of islands that separate the Bering Sea from the northern Pacific: the Aleutian Islands. Begin your exploration of this wildlife-rich archipelago at the Baby Islands, east of Unalaska. Here, dynamic tides offer the chance to look for sea otters and fur seals, as well as rare seabirds. Stand on deck as the ship navigates Baby Pass and be on the lookout for the islands' wildlife. Arrive at Dutch Harbor, site of a fierce World War II battle and now one of the world's most important fishing ports.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 42-45

Exploring the Aleutian Islands

With 69 islands, countless islets and tens of millions of seabirds, the Aleutians offer much to discover.

Spend four days exploring these rugged and remote volcanic islands—some of which still harbor active volcanoes. Learn about the culture of the Aleuts, a fishing and hunting people who have inhabited these islands for millennia. Observe marine mammals such as northern fur seals, Steller sea lions and a variety of whales, as well as prolific birdlife. Witness how the weather—wind, rain, fog and glorious sunshine—impacts all aspects of life in this spectacularly scenic region.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 46-49

At Sea

As the ship sets a course for Japan, enjoy discussions with your naturalists as they set the stage for your time exploring the northern shores of Hokkaido. Join them on deck to identify the seabirds that follow us and the volcanic cones in the distance that make up the "Ring of Fire." Be on the lookout for unexpected visits from whales and other marine mammals. There is also an array of shipboard activities to enjoy: attend a photo workshop with your National Geographic photographer, treat yourself to a massage or a wellness class or cozy up in the library with a good book. As you make your way to Asia, you will lose a day crossing the International Date Line.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 50

Kushiro, Japan

Arrive on the northeastern shore of Hokkaido, your first stop in Japan. With a deep connection to the sea, Kushiro is known for a variety of seafood, fresh from the sea. Experience the bustle of the local market where the daily catch is on display. Explore the Kushiro City Museum and delve into the rich history of the city and the traditions of the Ainu people. Following your morning of exploration, enjoy a meal loved by locals: *robata-yaki*, or

"fireside grilling." You will select your favorite seafood and grill it over the hot coals at your seat, a very special treat.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 51

Muroran

Dock at Muroran and choose to drive to Shikotsu-Tōya National Park, filled with mirror-like lakes and forest-covered hills set against the silhouette of the Mount Yotei stratovolcano. Alternatively, drive to the lush town of Shiraoi to visit the newly opened National Ainu Museum and Park, an open-air museum where visitors can experience various elements of Ainu culture.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 52

Aomori

Your first call on the northern coast of Japan's main island of Honshu is Aomori City. With the Hakkoda mountains in the distance, this bountiful countryside is famous for apple orchards, world-famous seafood, local treasures of Tsugaru lacquerware and painted kites. Explore the tranquil Seiryuji Temple with its impressive bronze statue of Dainichi Nyorai. Learn about Nebuta Matsuri, the summer festival with colorful papier-mâché floats, and see the amazing artistry up close.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 53

Sendai

Nestled between mountains and sea, Sendai's lush greenery earned it the nickname of "Forest City." As you tour this beautiful city, wind your way to the hills above town to the site of Sendai Castle. Built in 1600 by the powerful feudal lord, Date Masamune, the castle has survived anti-feudal

warfare, bombings of World War II and the powerful earthquake of 2011. Continue on to Zuihoden, the mausoleum of the Date clan, whose spectacular grounds and intricate design pay tribute to the powerful Masamune and his descendants. Just outside of the city, explore the secluded bay on the shores of Matsushima. Known as one of Japan's three most scenic views, this gorgeous bay is dotted with pine-clad islets.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 54

Oarai / Mito City

Today long stretches of white-sand beaches welcome you to the seaside city of Oarai. Heading inland, visit Mito, a power base during the Edo period and best known today for Kairakuen Garden, considered one of Japan's three finest landscape gardens. Originally created in 1841 for the ruling lord, the park was also intended for the enjoyment of all. Paths wind through 3,000 plum trees, cedar woods and a bamboo grove. Learn about the treasures of the samurai that went beyond swords and armor. The Tokugawa Museum houses exhibits which chronicle the life of the powerful Tokugawa family, as well as those who lived under their rule.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 55

Shimizu

Be on deck as the ship sails into Shimizu to get your closest view of Mt Fuji yet (weather permitting). Get your morning steps in as you climb the zigzag pathway of 1,200 steps to Kunozan Toshogu Shrine, enjoying beautiful views of the coastline as you go. For those feeling a little less inclined to embark on the stairs, you can take the ropeway to the top. This complex houses many bright-red buildings, accented in gold and adorned with colorful carvings—a dazzling vision. You may also choose to visit the Ukiyoe Museum, which houses a lovely collection

of Edo-period works.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 56

Osaka

Arrive in Osaka, the largest commercial center on the island of Honshu. Guests not continuing on to the next voyage will disembark. Travel to Himeji Castle, one of Japan's most spectacular. Also known as "White Heron Castle," this UNESCO World Heritage site is at once imposing and elegant. Following lunch, transfer back to the *National Geographic Resolution*.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 57

Naoshima / Okayama / Kurashiki

This morning, take a short ferry ride to Naoshima Island, which was converted into a hub for art and artists by the Benesse Corporation in 1992. Naoshima is an eclectic mixture of nature, art and architecture—you'll discover famous works, like Yayoi Kusama's *Yellow Pumpkin*, displayed in unexpected places.

This afternoon, choose to visit Okayama, home to Korakuen Garden, one of the three best landscape gardens in Japan. Stroll the elegant garden paths, enjoying the beauty and the views of Okayama Castle and its impressive black silhouette. You may also choose to walk along Kurashiki's lovely canal, lined with beautifully preserved storehouses now selling locally made handicrafts, or visit the Ohara Museum of Art and the Ohashi House, an example of a wealthy merchant's home from the 18th century.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 58

Takamatsu

Early this morning, sail to Takamatsu on Shikoku Island. Explore Shikoku Mur, an open-air museum that showcases traditional building styles. Learn how people lived during the Edo and Taisho eras. Visit Ritsurin Garden—earning three stars in the Michelin Green Guide, it is one of the most beautiful gardens in all of Japan. End the day at Kinashi Bonsai Town, dedicated to the art of pine tree bonsai.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 59

Miyajima / Hiroshima

Start the day on the island of Miyajima, home of Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage site famed for its red torii gate that seems to float atop the water at high tide. In Hiroshima, visit the Peace Memorial Park, see the Atomic Bomb Dome, one of only a few buildings left standing after the attack and learn about the city's dedication to peace following World War II.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 60

Uwajima / Uchiko

Rise early for a morning hike to Uwajima Castle, one of just 12 original Edo-period castles that remain intact. Continue to Uchiko, once a center of wax production. Take a walk in the town's well-preserved Yokaichi district, where beautifully crafted wooden merchant homes recall the prosperity of the Meiji period.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 61

Yakushima Island

The diverse ecology of Yakushima Island, including a subtropical coast and temperate rainforest in the interior, has earned this island World Heritage status. On a hike, discover the island's ancient Yakusugi

cedar trees, many of which date back more than a thousand years. Back on board the ship in the evening, head north toward the island of Kyushu.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 62

Kagoshima

At the southern end of Kyushu, the city of Kagoshima sits just across the bay from the active volcano Sakurajima. Take a walk in Sengan-en Garden, designed by the city's ruling Shimadzu clan in 1658 to incorporate the bay and its simmering volcano. After lunch, travel along the Satsuma Peninsula to the village of Chiran, where the samurai designed gardens inspired by their travels.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 63

Nagasaki

Long before World War II, Nagasaki was a cosmopolitan trading center, drawing merchants from Europe and China to its picturesque harbor as early as the 1500s. Visit Oura Cathedral, the oldest Christian church in Japan and venture to Nagasaki Peace Park. A poignant exhibition illustrates the aftermath of the atomic bomb attack on the city, and a somber monument now stands at ground zero. This afternoon, chart a course for the Korean Peninsula.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 64

Ulsan, South Korea / Gyeongju

Dock in Busan and travel to Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla kingdom and the crown jewel of Korea's cultural heritage. Packed with the ruins of temples, pagodas and palaces dating back more than a thousand years, the historic areas of the

city have been collectively designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit Bulguksa Temple, a masterpiece of Silla architecture originally built in A.D. 528. At the Gyeongju National Museum, examine jewelry, weapons and other Silla artifacts. See Cheomseongdae, a seventh-century observatory and wander among towering royal burial mounds.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 65

Matsue, Japan

Sail up the coast to Matsue, situated between a lake, a lagoon and the sea. Tour the 17th-century Matsue Castle built as a defensive fortress and discover its clever design elements intended to foil the enemy. Continue to the Adachi Museum of Art, which blends an impressive collection of 20th-century Japanese art with a gem-like traditional garden.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 66

Moji

With its location in line with the route from Honshu to Shanghai, Moji has a long history as a prominent trading post. The bustling modern day ship traffic has moved to another port, leaving Moji with a slower pace. You'll have the opportunity to step back in time and stroll the promenade, exploring the well-preserved buildings of the Meiji and Taisho periods. Moji is also known for its limestone caves. You will pass through a cedar grove to enter one of Japan's largest limestone caves: Akiyoshidai. Exploring this cave, you'll only touch a very small corner of the national park that spans 100 meters underground.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 67

Mitarai

Located in the Seto Inland Sea, Mitarai is a seaside village that did not get swept up with all the changes and development that the 20th century brought. The traditional wooden buildings and narrow streets date back to a traditional past. The mature gardens add even more beauty and serenity to the sheltered bay. Explore this hidden gem that has been designated a Historic Preservation District of Traditional Architecture.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 68-69

Osaka / Disembark Ship / Kyoto

Upon disembarkation, transfer to Kyoto. Once the capital of Japan, this beautiful city still holds many of the Japanese traditions very dear. It's a unique blend of modern day and ancient culture that has been refined over the last 1200 years. Spend two days exploring an array of sites, including the impressive Torii Gates of Fushimi Inari Shrine; Nishiki Market with its assortment of beautiful fresh foods; Higashiyama District one of Kyoto's best preserved historic districts; and the soaring stalks of bamboo in Arashiyama. No visit to Kyoto is complete without a glimpse into the secret life of the Geisha as you learn about the customs and experience a traditional ceremony.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 70

Kyoto / Osaka

Following breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Meals included: breakfast

Expedition

Reykjavík, Iceland → Kyoto, Japan

2026 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Resolution*

14 Jul				
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National Geographic Resolution

Guests

138

Cabins

76

**The sister ship to *National Geographic Endurance*,
she explores polar & temperate regions**

Our second new polar build, *National Geographic Resolution*, is named to honor the second voyage of the legendary Captain James Cook.

A fully-stabilized vessel of the highest ice class (PC5 Category A), she will enable adventurous guests to go where few have or can. *Resolution's* most striking exterior feature is her distinctive profile, the patented X-Bow®, a game-changing design that guarantees the smoothest, most comfortable ride in all kinds of conditions; and since it eliminates bow impact, a quieter ride, as well.

An equally impressive feature may well be her capacity: she carries just 138 guests, a commitment to expedition excellence over scale. Scandinavian-inflected, luxuriously appointed, her inviting interiors would be a destination in themselves. Because she is a Lindblad expedition ship, however, her attention is focused on the world outside— with acres of window glass to keep you connected to the stunning views beyond the pane, and a fleet of expedition tools to get you out exploring.

National Geographic Endurance and *National Geographic Resolution* are next-generation expedition ships. Purpose-built for polar navigation. Fully stabilized, highly strengthened, ice-class Polar Code PC5 (Category A) vessels, they are designed to navigate polar passages year-round, and safely explore uncharted waters, while providing exceptional comfort. The patented X-bow[®] is key to their design; its powerful wave-slicing action provides an extremely smooth ride even in adverse conditions, and even reduces spray on deck for superior observation. They carry a full suite of expedition tools, and offer a variety of experience enhancing amenities.



Cabin Categories

Category 1

Fore Deck: #404, 406, 408, 411, 413, 415

Cabin with two large windows, two singles that can convert to a queen, writing desk and chair, two bedside tables, window sofa, coffee table, and a closet.



Category 2

Fore Deck: #410, 412, 414, 416-419, 421-427

Cabin with two large windows, two single beds that can convert to a queen, window sofa, two-seat sofa, coffee table, writing desk with an office chair, two bedside tables, coffee table, and a closet.



Category 3

Main Deck: #512, 514-524

Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; two single beds that convert to a queen; convertible sleeper sofa; writing desk with a chair; two bedside tables; coffee table; and a closet.



Category 4

Lounge Deck: #608, 610, 612, 613-623

Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock and a table; two single beds that can convert to a queen; pull-out sofa; coffee table; writing desk with chair; two bedside tables; and a closet.



Category 5

Bridge Deck: #700-707, 712, 713, 715, 717

Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; two single beds that convert to a queen; convertible sleeper sofa; coffee table; writing desk with chair; two bedside tables; and a closet.



Category 6

Bridge Deck: #714

Junior suite with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and table; two single beds that convert to a queen; pull-out sofa; writing desk with chair; two bedside tables; coffee table; espresso maker and a closet. Guests receive priority access to one spa treatment and one igloo reservation and complementary laundry per departure.



Category 7

Bridge Deck: #708-711, 716, 718, 719, 721

These large balcony suites feature two balcony chairs, hammock, and table; two single beds that can convert to a queen; pull-out sofa; coffee table; writing desk and chair; espresso maker; and a large walk-in closet with full length mirror. Expanded bathroom has a double vanity, bathtub, towel warmer and rain shower. Guests receive priority access to one spa treatment and one igloo reservation and complementary laundry per departure.



Category A Solo

Main Deck: #504, 506-511, 513

Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; single bed; writing desk with an office chair; and a closet.



Category B Solo

Lounge Deck: #604-607, 609, 611

Cabin with balcony that features two balcony chairs, hammock, and a table; single bed; writing desk with chair; hammock; and a closet.



Observation Deck



Bridge Deck

- Category 5
- Category 6
- Category 7



Lounge Deck

- Category 4
- Category B Solo



Main Deck

- Category 3
- Category A Solo



Fore Deck

- Category 1
- Category 2



Expedition Deck



Ship amenities

Public Areas

Reception; three dining areas; an observation lounge with bar, gym, wellness area, infinity-style outdoor hot tubs with adjacent igloos; library; main lounge with full service bar, 24-hour beverage station, state-of-the-art tech for films/presentations; B&H Photo locker and a photo workshop area; science hub; an onboard broadcast studio; an expedition base with lockers for expedition gear; and open access to the Bridge, Captain, officers and on-duty wildlife spotters.

Meals

Restaurant 270° features wrap-around views; two other dining areas offer lighter, made-to-order fare or intimate, small group dinners. All feature sustainable choices, local where possible, and unassigned, flexible, inclusive seating.

Cabins

All cabins face outside with large windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with expedition command centers with iPad tablets, multiple electrical and USB outlets, TVs, with on demand entertainment, phone, Wi-Fi, clock, barometers, hygrometers, vanity mirror, mini refrigerator, small safe, ice bucket, glasses, hair dryer, reading lights and National Geographic Atlas. Luxury linens and pillows. Bathrooms outfitted with Rain showers & hand held shower, botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and lotion. Complimentary insulated water bottles. Balcony cabins have hammocks, chairs and table.

Expedition Equipment

Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, snowshoes, cross-country skis, an ROV and underwater video camera for unique access to the polar undersea, hydrophone, aerial remote-controlled camera and video microscope.

Special Features

A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, an internet cafe and laundry. A forward and aft staircase, and elevators, reach all decks. Echoing the pioneering installation aboard *National Geographic Endurance*, artist Zaria Forman has curated a new exhibit, featuring a wide range of artists.



Wellness

A glass-enclosed yoga studio, gym, treatment rooms and spa relax area, and high and low-heat saunas with ocean views, staffed by wellness specialists.

Self-Disinfecting Ships

ACT Clean Coat™ is a light-activated, self-disinfecting cleaning process that continuously breaks down viruses, bacteria, mold, and airborne allergens across all ship surfaces. Not only does this create a cleaner, healthier shipboard environment for guests and crew alike, but this non-toxic, chemical-free system also saves more than one million gallons of water each year in our cleaning procedures, and reduces our carbon footprint as well as the amount of plastic and waste in our supply chain.

Special Offers

\$1,000 PER CABIN SHIPBOARD CREDIT

Book from October 18th to December 31st, 2024, and receive \$1,000 per cabin shipboard credit based on \$500 per guest shipboard credit when 2 guests share a cabin. Third guest in a cabin receives no shipboard credit. Solo Guests receive \$500 per guest shipboard credit. Any unused shipboard credit will not be refunded at the end of the expedition. Valid for new bookings only on *Epic Northwest Passage: From Iceland to Japan*, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

PAY BY DEBIT: EARN A \$100 ONBOARD CREDIT

The \$100 onboard credit offer is applied after the final payment and requires 85% of the cost of the voyage to be placed on a debit card. Maximum of one \$100 onboard credit per cabin. The \$100 onboard credit is a non-refundable, non-transferable credit that can be used for various onboard purchases such as global gallery and spa treatments. It has no cash value, cannot be refunded if not fully utilized, and will be forfeited if not fully redeemed by the end of the voyage. This offer is combinable with other offers. If the booking is altered or canceled, the onboard credit may be forfeited, and it cannot be transferred if the booking is moved to another guest. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to modify or cancel the offer without prior notice. Offer applies to Lindblad Expeditions' owned ships only. Offer valid only for Debit Cards issued in the United States for payments made from the United States.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

Save 20%

*Book between December 18-31, 2025: Receive savings of 20% on cabin fare on select Japan 2026 voyages by using code SPOTLIGHTJAPAN via website or phone. Applicable savings will be deducted from cabin fare after any additional applicable savings with the purchase of cabin fare. Additional restrictions may apply. Offers valid on new bookings only for

select 2026 departures of Coastal Japan: Imperial
Dynasties and Modern Culture, Alaska to Japan: Ring
of Fire to Ainu Culture and Epic Northwest Passage:
Iceland to Japan, subject to availability and offer may
be withdrawn at any time without prior notice, not
applicable on airfare or extensions. Offer may not
be combined with other limited-time offers. Call for
details.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, kayaks, guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the National Geographic Photographer and Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary parka or jacket, complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Airfare (except flights* when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

*Recommended flight costs include flight(s) that take place during the date range of your trip to transport travelers from one itinerary destination to another. This cost also includes ground transportation, luggage transfer, and airport assistance. If you prefer to arrange your own flights privately, have alternate means of transport, or wish to modify at a later time, please contact an Expedition Specialist at 1.833.400.0831

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date. Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

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