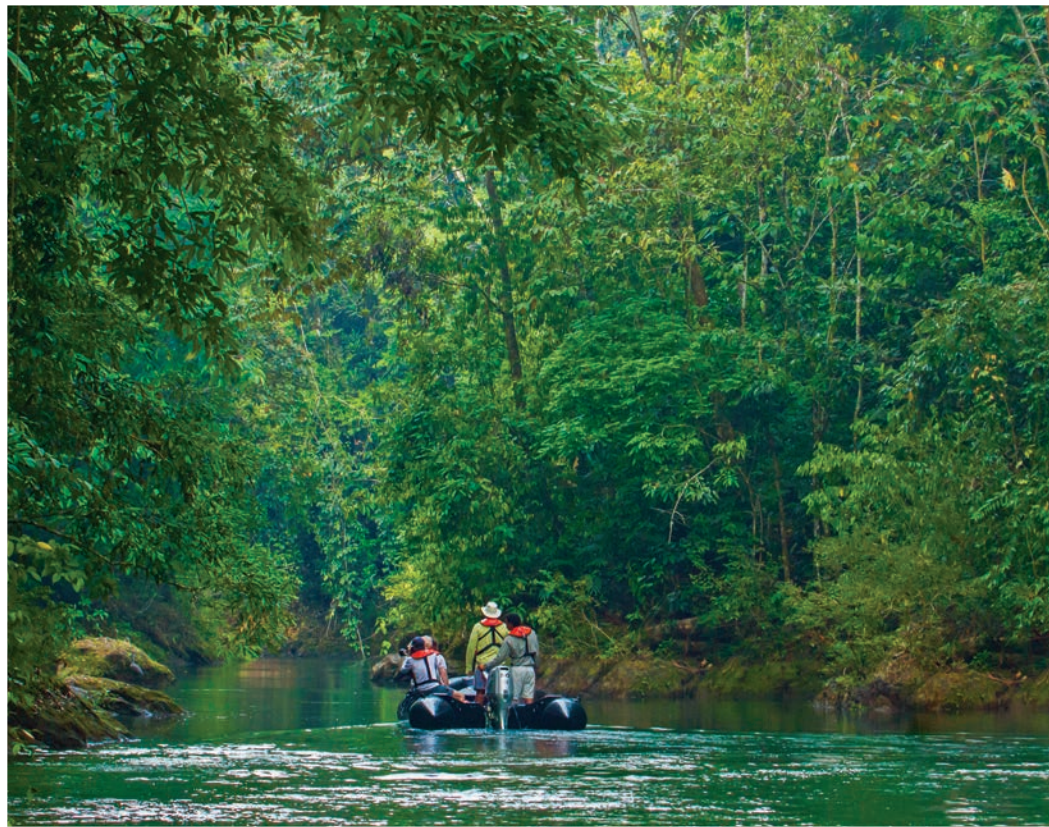




# Costa Rica and the Panama Canal

Aboard *National Geographic Quest*

March 2-9, 2028



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## Expedition Highlights

Exploring Costa Rica and Panama is a singular experience that combines biodiverse jungle wildlife with an in-depth crossing of the Panama Canal, a marvel of engineering. It is the perfect winter escape. Dense, lush rainforests. Pristine deserted beaches. Monkeys galore. Hike deep into the rainforest; kayak and paddleboard along the shore; take a cool swim in a waterfall pool; snorkel over a coral reef. Opportunities abound to see creatures in their natural environs—both on land and in the sea. Expert local naturalists and photo instructors are with you every step of the way, always giving you choices and expanding your knowledge. Aboard, you can always savor panoramic views from the 50-cabin *National Geographic Quest*. Plus, you'll get an exclusive chance to visit the Latin American Sea Turtles (LAST) Association at Playa Blanca on the Osa Peninsula, where you can meet with researchers who are critical in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of native sea turtles.

- ✓ Venture into remote wilderness: hike among monkeys, sloths, and tropical birds and explore far from any inhabited places.
- ✓ Transit the Panama Canal over two days to see it by day and in the coolness of night—plus an exclusive stop at the Smithsonian Research Institute.
- ✓ Discover the wild rainforests of Corcovado National Park, which National Geographic dubbed “the most biologically intense place on Earth.”
- ✓ Explore idyllic islands, snorkel over a vibrant coral reef and take a Zodiac cruise up a wild river.

# Itinerary

DAY 1

## SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA/ PUERTO CALDERA/ EMBARK

After arrival in San José this afternoon, transfer to the Pacific Coast town of Puerto Caldera. This evening, you embark *National Geographic Quest* and set sail south on a Central American

adventure. Opt to arrive early for a pre-voyage extension in the rainforests and reserves of Caño Negro. The extension adds five days before the expedition for incredible wildlife exploration through a glamping adventure. (D)



DAY 2

## CORCOVADO NATIONAL PARK

Anchor off the Osa Peninsula to see some of the most pristine lowland rainforests on the Pacific coast. In the environs of Corcovado National Park, swim in waterfall pools or trek through the rainforest for a chance to see four species of monkeys—howler, spider, squirrel and capuchin. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-4

## GOLFO DULCE/OSA PENINSULA

Enter the mangrove-fringed Golfo Dulce, along the southwestern edge of Costa Rica, as your nimble expedition ship takes you into the remote upper reaches of this placid bay. Head inland to meet and share with inspiring local families living in remote communities and working with cocoa, hearts of palm and sugar cane. Hike in mature rainforest, kayak in peaceful waters and explore by Zodiac, scanning the jungle treeline for a dazzling array of avifauna, including golden-hooded and Cherrie's tanagers, yellow-throated toucans, fiery-billed aracarís and crimson-fronted and orange-chinned parakeets. Take in a kaleidoscope of tropical color with bromeliads, heliconias and orchids set against the verdant green.

Go ashore on the western side of the bay in the pristine waters of Playa Blanca on the Osa Peninsula. By special arrangement, visit with the Latin American Sea Turtles (LAST) Association and hear presentations by the staff at LAST including a talk by the dedicated researchers working so hard to positively impact sea turtle conservation. (B,L,D)

DAY 5

## COIBA NATIONAL PARK, PANAMA

The first stop in Panama this morning is at the remote Isla Coiba, one of the many islands of Coiba National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Once a penal colony, the island has long been protected and accessible by special permit only. Among its many endemic species are the Coiba Island agouti and the mantled howler monkey, as well as four varieties of sea turtles. Discover rich marine life while snorkeling, or simply spend the afternoon exploring or relaxing on the beach. (B,L,D)



**DAY 6**

**GULF OF PANAMA ISLETS/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

Today, explore the tiny islets of the Gulf of Panama by Zodiac or kayak. Here you might spot frigatebirds, brown pelicans, neotropical cormorants, and brown boobies. Set sail for the Panama Canal this afternoon. Stretching more than 50 miles, the canal was a colossal engineering feat completed in 1914. It is still traversed by some 14,000 ships every year. Cargo ships tend to pass through the canal during the day, but you will most likely cross at night, when the canal is dramatically lit. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7**

**GATÚN LAKE/PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT**

Today, choose hikes and Zodiac cruises at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute facility on Barro Colorado Island, or take a boat ride to the mouth of the Chagres River and hike on the Panama Rainforest Discovery Center trails. This evening, continue through the complex lock system of the canal. By special arrangement, *National Geographic Quest* will anchor in Gatún Lake near the Barro Colorado Nature Monument overnight. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8**

**COLÓN/PANAMA CITY, PANAMA/DISEMBARK**

After breakfast, disembark in Colón and transfer to the airport in Panama City for your flight home. (B)



# National Geographic Quest

**CAPACITY:** 50 cabins accommodating 100 guests.

**REGISTRY:** United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. The open Bridge provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Cuisine is fresh, sustainable, accented with regional flair and served plated.

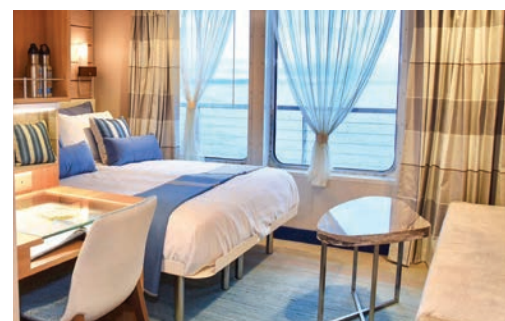
**CABINS:** All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, ROV (remotely operated vehicle); hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera and video microscope.

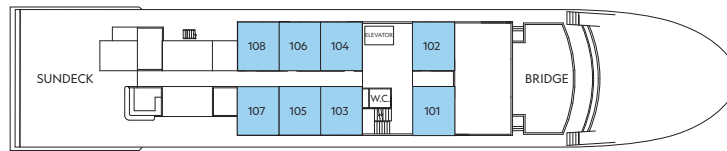
**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest Wi-Fi access, elevator, National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and a medical professional.

**WELLNESS:** The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Massages in the LEXspa are available by appointment.

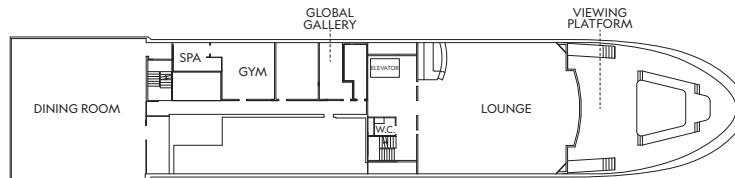
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# National Geographic Quest



OBSERVATION DECK



LOUNGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

## CATEGORY 1

Main Deck #301-306  
Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

## CATEGORY 2

Main Deck #307-315  
Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

## CATEGORY 3

Upper Deck #201-206  
Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk and two large view windows.

## CATEGORY 4

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.

## CATEGORY 5

Observation Deck #101-108  
Cabins feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, large view windows, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

**NOTE:** Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

**Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access:** Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

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VOYAGE DATES	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT
March 2-9, 2028	\$6,451	\$6,907	\$7,391	\$8,873	\$9,757	\$9,676	\$10,360	15% of the cabin fare, per person

**NOTE:** The rates above reflect a special group savings of **5%** off of the cabin fare. 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.

## Terms and Conditions

**PRICING:** Prices quoted in this flyer are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices shown are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

**COST INCLUDES:** Accommodations aboard ship; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, beer, wine, cocktails and spirits with super premium wines and liquors available for purchase; all shore excursions, sightseeing, special access permits and entrance fees; transfers to/from airport if traveling within recommended arrival and departure windows; morning stretch classes and access to the fitness center; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; 24-hour access to the lounge, observation decks, library and other shared spaces; complimentary reusable water bottle; gratuities to local guides; basic Wi-Fi with the option to upgrade; services of Lindblad Expeditions' natural history staff, National Geographic certified photo instructor, medical professional and local guides; port taxes and service charges. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; meals not indicated; extensions; passport, visa and immigration fees; travel protection plan; gratuities to the ship's crew; items of a personal nature such as certain super premium brands of wines and liquors, spa treatments, enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans and laundry.

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

**RESERVATIONS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% 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:** Travel and medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you 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 other 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)

**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.*  
*We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.*

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RESERVATION FORM



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**To register, please contact:**

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## Passenger Information

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

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

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

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

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

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

**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.