



EASTER ISLAND TO TAHITI: TALES OF THE PACIFIC

20 Days | Nat Geo Orion | 102 Guests | Expeditions in: Mar/Oct | \$18,590 to \$39,390



Following in the wake of early Polynesian navigators, this voyage takes you to the farthest reaches of Oceania. From remote and enigmatic Easter Island, to the historically significant Pitcairn Islands through the “low islands” of the Tuamotu Archipelago to Tahiti, you’ll visit islands that are virtually inaccessible and untouched. The voyage begins in one of the most isolated landfalls of Polynesia: Easter Island. Walk the length of untouched tropical beaches, meet the descendants of H.M.S. *Bounty* mutineers, and drift dive or snorkel through an atoll pass.



DAY 1-5: U.S./Santiago, Chile/Easter Island/Embark

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. Upon arrival, transfer to the Ritz-Carlton in central Santiago then join your Lindblad-National Geographic staff this evening for a Welcome Reception. Early the next morning, fly to Easter Island where you will check into the Hanga Roa Eco Village & Spa for two nights. Explore volcanic calderas, jagged lava fields, and sweeping grasslands to discover the colossal moai statues, the astonishing legacy of a long-lost culture. Join archaeologists to examine these statues and discuss their meaning and creation; visit burial sites, quarries, and intricately carved ceremonial altars. Embark *National Geographic Orion*. (Day 3: L,D; Days 4-5: B,L,D)



DAY 6-10: At Sea/Pitcairn Islands

Set sail from Easter Island on our journey west, listening to talks by our experts as we sail for two days. We begin our exploration in Ducie Atoll, where we spend time watching for frigatebirds and boobies and snorkeling or diving among spectacular reefs. Our next stop is the UNESCO World Heritage site of Henderson Island, an uplifted atoll that is uninhabited and virtually untouched by humans. Discover the island’s four endemic bird species, rich flora and fauna, and fascinating geology.



Many of the mutineers of the legendary *Bounty* made their home on Pitcairn Island in the late 18th century, and about 50 of their descendants still live here today. Meet the residents and hear a few words of the unusual Pitkern dialect—a combination of English “sailor speak” and Polynesian phrases. Visit the gravesite of the last surviving *Bounty* mutineer, John Adams, and see the *Bounty*'s anchor, which was salvaged in 1957. (B,L,D)



DAY 11 & 12: At Sea/ Mangareva, French Polynesia

Spend a day at sea scanning the horizon with our naturalists, or relaxing on deck with a good book. We then arrive at Mangareva, the largest of the Gambier Islands, with its interesting history and beautiful lagoon. Venture underwater to snorkel or dive, meet islanders to learn about their culture and the missionaries who made their home here, or go on a hike with our naturalists. (B,L,D)



DAY 13-18: At Sea/Tuamotu Archipelago

We begin our exploration of the “Dangerous Archipelago” in Pukarua, where we’ll be greeted by traditional dancers. Navigate reefs and islets during a day at sea and then in true expedition mode, explore one of the uninhabited atolls such as Tahanea. Continue to Fakarava, one of the largest atolls in French Polynesia and part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Snorkel the protected reefs or ride the current into the lagoon on a world famous drift dive. (B,L,D)



DAY 19 & 20: Papeete/Disembark/U.S.

Arrive in Papeete, French Polynesia and take a tour of Tahiti before your overnight flight home. (Day 19: B,L)

2019 Departure Dates:

25 Mar*

9 Oct*

2020 Departure Dates:

28 Mar*

6 Oct*

Important Flight Information

Please confirm arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

Advance Payment:

\$2,500

Cost Includes:

Accommodations; meals indicated; alcoholic beverages (except premium brands); excursions; services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks; entrance fees; all port charges and service taxes; gratuities to ship's crew.

Cost Not Included:

Air transportation; personal items such as emails, laundry, voyage DVD etc.

Special Offers

BOOK 2 OR MORE AND SAVE 10%

Book two or more South Pacific voyages aboard *National Geographic Orion* and take 10% off each voyage. Savings is applicable to back-to-back or non-consecutive voyages. *This savings is available on voyage fare only, and is not valid on airfares or extensions.

FREE BAR TAB AND CREW TIPS INCLUDED

We will cover your bar tab and all tips for the crew on all *National Geographic Explorer* and *National Geographic Orion* voyages.

FREE AIRFARE

Book by Dec. 31, 2018 for free round-trip air between Los Angeles and Santiago. Free air is based on round-trip, economy group flights from Los Angeles to Santiago and must be ticketed by Lindblad Expeditions. New bookings only. Call for details.

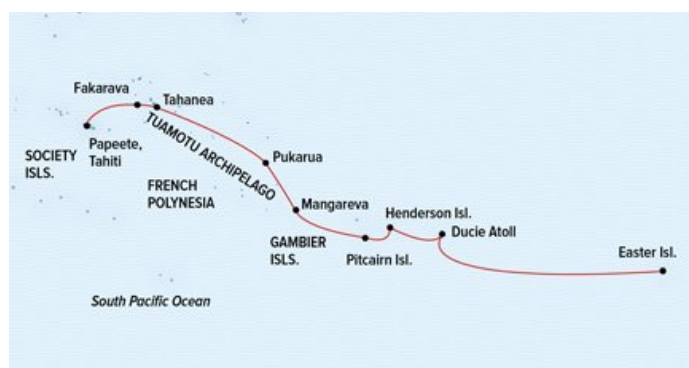
50% OFF FOR KIDS ON THE AUGUST 30TH DEPARTURE

Receive 50% off all kids under the age of 18 on the August 30th voyage. Must travel with 2 full paying adults. This can not be combined with other offers, including free air or air credit. New bookings only. Subject to availability.

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COST PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY						
Mar. 25, 2019						
Oct. 9, 2019						
Mar. 28 - Oct. 6, 2020						
Mar. 25, 2019 - Oct. 6, 2020	\$ 18,590	\$ 21,990	\$ 26,250	\$ 28,450	\$ 33,970	\$ 39,300

COST PER PERSON SINGLE OCCUPANCY	1S
Mar. 25, 2019	\$ 27,890
Oct. 9, 2019	\$ 21,990
Mar. 28 - Oct. 6, 2020	\$ 27,890
Mar. 25, 2019 - Oct. 6, 2020	\$ 39,390



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