National Geographic Expedition

Journey to Antarctica: 'Explorations in Emergency Medicine'

Taking Emergency Medicine to the Ends of the Earth

27 November - 10 December 2019

Taking Emergency Medicine to the Ends of the Earth

Course Director: Dr Jeffrey J. Westin, MD, FAAEM.

120 Conference Attendees Only

Registration Expires:

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DAYS	HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS

REGISTER NOW

> *" Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,*
> *but by the moments that take our breath away. "*

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to join an extraordinary Conference experience, going to one of the most remote locations on earth, Antarctica.

Enjoy an exciting expedition filled with peninsular landings and zodiac cruises while we discuss the latest topics in emergency medicine. Participate in lectures and teachings from National Geographic photographers, naturalists, and specially selected guest speakers.

Join us on this engaging and adventurous alternative to traditional land-based conferencing where all your accommodation, conference activities and social events will be experienced on a luxury ice-breaker ship whilst sailing through some of the most spectacular natural scenery to be found anywhere on earth.

Each day will be spent exploring, photographing wildlife with National Geographic certified photo instructors, cruising around glaciers and through floating icebergs in search of seals, whales and penguins and hiking the shorelines of the Antarctic Peninsula with experienced Naturalists.

All while earning CME credits as you participate in a fantastic curriculum in emergency medicine. Specially selected speakers will be joining us for the duration of the expedition and this event will take place on the National Geographic Explorer expedition vessel.

We are seeking genuine expressions of interest from potential attendees who want to come on this 13 day/12 night Conference & Expedition, November 27th - December 10th, 2019.

We would love for you to join us on this very special, unique and unforgettable voyage.

The purpose of this page is to offer you the opportunity to register your genuine interest in attending this conference and expedition to Antarctica. By taking this action you will be letting us know that you are highly motivated to secure your place to sail with us, in what we anticipate will be a sell-out event.

You will be under no financial obligation until the time that deposits are required (details on conference costs, cabin selection, bookings/deposit payments are outlined below).

Space is limited. We have 60 double occupancy cabins for this conference (120 guests total*). One partner/travel companion per conference attendee is allowed. * Single occupancy cabins are limited - we will do our best to accommodate.

The order in which conference attendees register their interest is integral to securing a place.

Once you register your interest - and once we receive enough registrations - we will then be able to finalize and confirm that this Antarctica Conference Expedition will proceed.

Important: Once we receive your interest notification, you will then be added to an exclusive list, and **only those on this list will be sent a Conference Expedition Invitation to make a booking to attend this event.** This will be sent to you via email within 3 - 5 business days (after registrations close), with a link so that you can proceed with a booking and pay your deposit. ****A USD$1,500 per person deposit will need to be paid upfront at the time of making a booking. Full payment comes later (in 2019) - details are outlined below.***

Once invitations are sent, spaces on-board will be booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. So be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for your personal invitation which will have all the necessary details, outlining exactly what you need to do to secure your booking.

This registration page will only remain open for the next few days, so don't hesitate to add your details so we can add you to our list - especially if you can already envision yourself aboard this exciting expedition to Antarctica.

The estimated cost per person is from USD$15,500 - USD$29,000+ based on double occupancy/per person sharing, and depends on the cabin selection you choose.

Scroll down to find more detailed information about the Conference Expedition and all the costs involved to attend.

We are proud to be able to offer a CME Conference that is of the highest quality, while conference attendees get to travel in luxury to one of the most unique and remote destinations on our planet.

With so many fantastic inclusions, and so much to look forward to during your Conference Expedition experience, we've included a lot of detailed information here on this registration page to help answer any questions you might have.

Please be sure to scroll down to learn more about our Conference Expedition: the ship itinerary and schedule; shore excursions and expedition activities; and the ship itself - including all the on-board amenities. Plus, read about all the other special extras you'll get to experience and enjoy whilst on a Lindblad-National Geographic voyage to Antarctica.

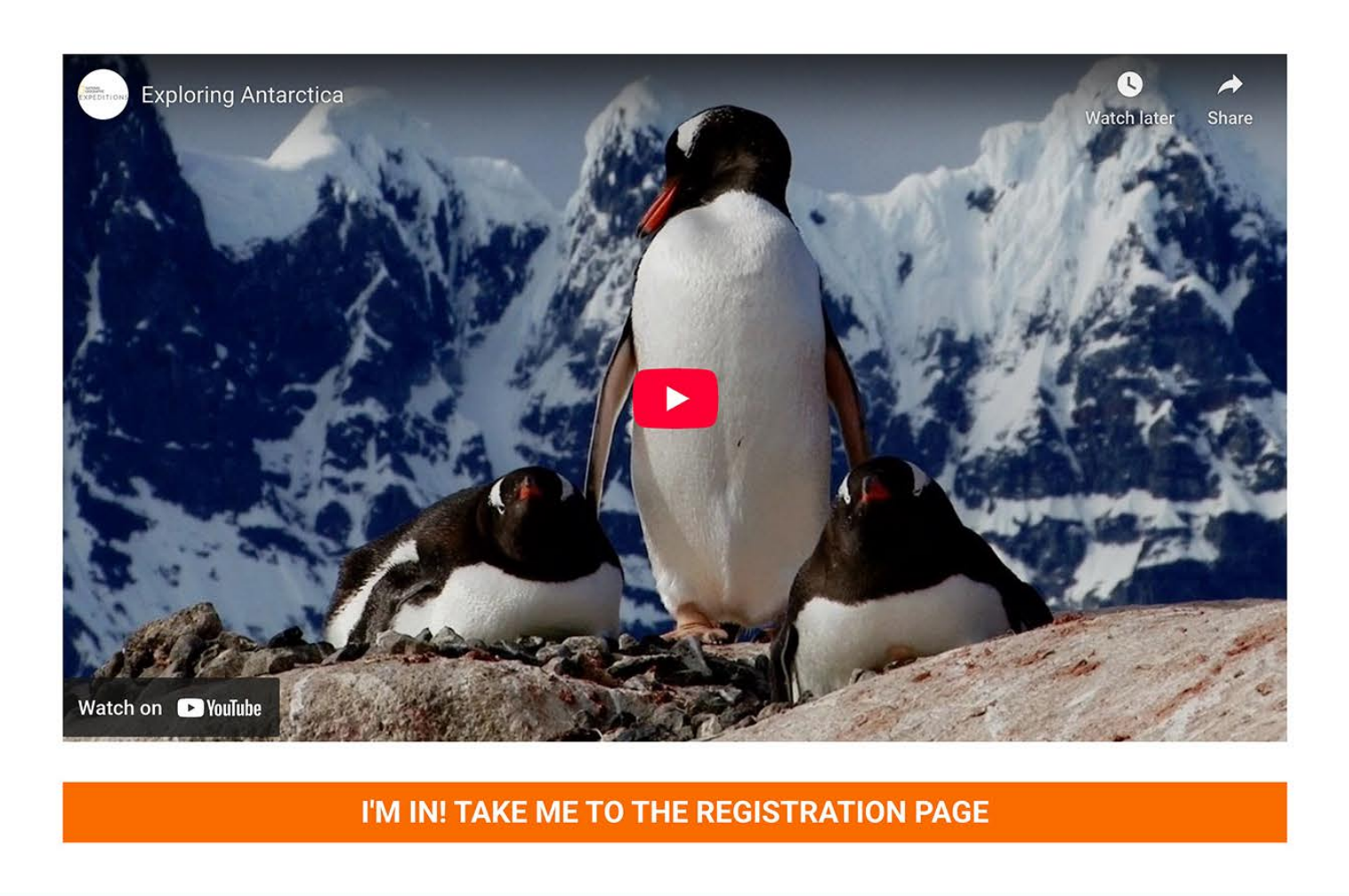
Further details and information about our invited speakers will be made available over the coming weeks.

If you would like to join us, hit the "Register Your Interest Now" button, and add your name and email to let us know that you are interested in attending..

Warm regards,

Dr Jeffrey J. Westin, MD, FAAEM

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW



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SPEAKERS

Dr Jeffrey J. Westin

Dr Jeffrey J. Westin started his medical career at the University of California at Irvine School of Medicine and completed his residency in emergency medicine at University Medical Center in Las Vegas.

He is board-certified in emergency medicine and currently serves as the Chief of Staff and the Emergency Department Medical Director of South Lyon Medical Center.

He has worked in multiple medical direction positions for the Burning Man event in northern Nevada, and he has served as a physician or as the event medical director for numerous other events, including Bonnaroo, What The Festival, Outsidelands, Night in the Country, Jamcruise, and Life is Beautiful.

He also works as a ship's physician for National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions on various expeditions throughout the globe.

His professional passions include elevating the standard of care in rural medicine, event medicine, and remote area medicine in resource-lean environments.

Outside of medicine, Jeff's interests include skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, hiking, and spending time with his wife, Alicia, and their animals..

Your registered interest is an integral part of ensuring that this Conference Expedition can proceed...

We will be announcing the list of **Journey to Antarctica: *'Explorations in Emergency Medicine'*** speakers and the conference schedule once we have received the minimum number of attendee registrations needed to bring this Adventure Conference to life.

Therefore, it is important that you register your *genuine* interest to attend.

As soon as we have everyone's registrations, we'll send you an email invitation giving you the details you'll need to proceed with making your booking to secure your place.

Space is limited. We only have 60 double occupancy cabins to offer for this conference (120 guests total*). One partner/travel companion per Colleague/Conference attendee is allowed. * Single occupancy cabins are limited - we will do our best to accommodate.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the overwhelming positive response we have had already, we anticipate spaces will go quickly.

I'M READY TO REGISTER

Conference Schedule & Expedition Itinerary

Journey to Antarctica: '*Explorations in Emergency Medicine* 'Conference Expedition promises to be a very comprehensive educational program including lectures, workshops and problem based learning discussions. While attending the Conference Program, you'll also enjoy all the voyage activities and itinerary stops Lindblad-National Geographic has to offer.

Day 1-2: Fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina

Overnight Hotel in Buenos Aires (cost included), set on the Rio de la Plata. Check in to The Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires (or similar).

In the afternoon, we have a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. (cost included)

In the early evening we gather for an informal reception and a drink at the hotel.

Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia, Argentina/Embark ship

Today we fly by private charter flight to Ushuaia, Argentina.

This morning's charter flight will bring us over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. If the weather is fine, you'll have a chance to view the spectacular mountains rising out of the Beagle Channel as you enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise.

Later, we embark the National Geographic Explorer, and set sail for our adventure to Antarctica. After setting sail, you'll join the other guests for a sail away gathering and toast.

Day 4: At Sea - Crossing the Drake Passage / Conference Schedule

SOUTH PACIFIC
SOUTH ATLANTIC
South America
DRAKE PASSAGE
SOUTHERN OCEAN
Antarctic Peninsula
Weddell Sea

We awake this morning well into our journey across the Drake Passage. Lying between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, the Drake holds a unique place in maritime lore. Sometimes misty and gray, other times calm and clear, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history.

Day 1 - Conference Schedule
Details are to follow...

Day 5 - 10: Exploring Antarctica

With nearly 24 hours of daylight, we make the most of our days, keeping a flexible schedule to take advantage of the unexpected...

We are out daily. One day, you may take a Zodiac foray amid towering bergs under a bright sun, walk along the shoreline amid a huge penguin colony, hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags. And next, you may have the thrill of watching the ship crunch through the pack ice, perhaps catch a sighting of a 40-ton whale surface off the bow, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You'll learn from our experts how to identify penguins and get photo tips from a National Geographic photographer while watching those same penguins.

Back aboard, our Undersea Specialist may present video from that day's dive — rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using our ROV. Our expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more.

Day 11 & 12: At Sea / Conference Schedule

As we sail back to Ushuaia, an albatross or two may join the avian escort of seabirds that cross our bow, and our spotters will keep an eye out for marine life. There'll be plenty of time to enjoy a wellness treatment, log some time in the gym, or catch up on the book you haven't had a minute to read. Talks from our staff will reflect on all you have seen and learned.

Day 11 & 12 - Conference Schedule
Details are to follow...

Day 12-13: Disembark in Ushuaia/Fly to Buenos Aires

After breakfast, we disembark in Ushuaia, and you will have some time to explore before proceeding to the airport for our return charter flight to Buenos Aires and then home or on to other adventures. **Be sure to confirm departure and arrival cities, dates and times before booking your international flights.*

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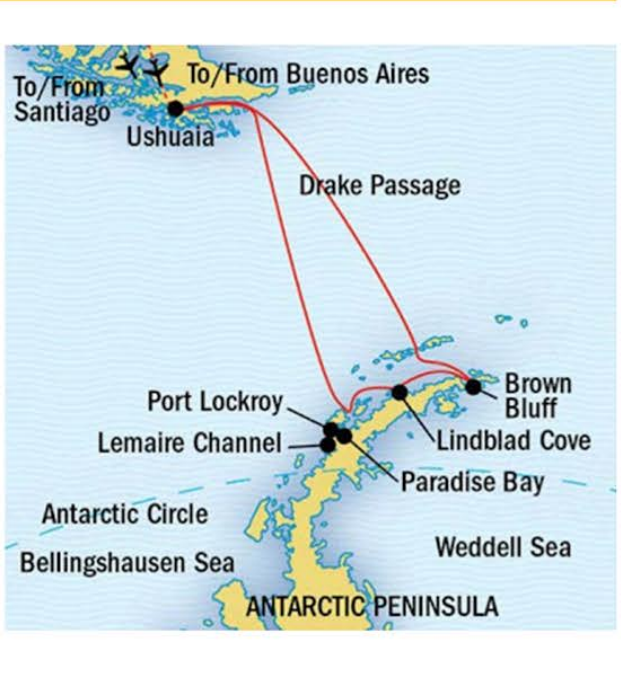

Conference & Expedition Costs

What will it cost - for Colleagues/Conference attendees and their partners/travel companions - to join the Conference & Expedition?

1. Conference & Expedition Co-ordinator Fee: **USD$250 per person**

What is this for?
All Conference attendees, as well as partners/traveling companions who are joining us for the duration of the expedition, are required to pay this USD$250 fee. This is part of your conference registration cost.

Partners and traveling companions will be able to attend any conference lectures which they might find of interest.

When & how do I pay for this?
This one-time per person fee is due at the time of booking - this will also act as a deposit towards each Conference attendee's Conference fee (see below - no. 2)

You will receive further details via email about payments and the booking process in your email invitation.

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2. *'Explorations in Emergency Medicine'* Conference Fee: **USD$1,450 per Conference attendee (total includes your USD$250 Co-ordinator fee)**

What is this for?
* Only registered Conference attendees participating in/attending the on-board conference: 'Explorations n Emergency Medicine' (including talks, lectures & breakout sessions) are required to pay this fee.

Partners/traveling companions of Colleagues/Conference attendees are NOT required to pay this fee.

When & how do I pay for this?
The USD$1,450 balance (USD$1,200) of the Conference Fee will be billed separately and payable AFTER your initial co-ordinator fee and voyage deposit has been processed and confirmed.

You will receive further details via email about payments and the booking process in your email invitation.

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3. Voyage Cost
13 nights / 12 days
USD$15,500 - USD$29,000+
per person sharing / double occupancy

What is this for?
This covers your 13 day, 12 night ship & hotel accommodations (per Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic itineray), plus amazing additional inclusions - please see a more detailed inclusions list below.

All Conference attendees, plus those individuals coming along as partners/traveling companions, who are joining us for the duration of the Conference Expedition, are required to make a booking.

Depending on factors such as cabin selection. See below for cabin categories and rates.

When & how do I pay for this?
A USD$1,500 deposit is due at the time of booking to secure your cabin.

The remaining balance will need to be paid in two instalments: the 1st by May 30th, 2019 (25% of total owing); the 2nd and final payment is due by July 29th, 2019 (this is for the remaining balance, less deposits and any previous voyage payments).

You will receive further details via email about payments and the booking process in your email invitation.

Inclusions:

Rates include all accommodations aboard ship and in hotels as outlined below.

What all is included in the price of our 13 day/12 night 'Journey to Antarctica' Expedition aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*?

- ✓ *** An additional "Star" National Geographic Speaker has kindly been organised for our Conference, compliments of Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic.**
- ✓ **** SPECIAL AIR OFFER: Free round-trip economy group airfare between Miami and Buenos Aires or a $1,000 air credit.***

- ✓ One night hotel accommodation (in Buenos Aires).
- ✓ Accommodations aboard the *National Geographic Explorer.*
- ✓ Transfers to and from designated group flights.
- ✓ All meals and beverages (includes alcoholic beverages*) while aboard the *National Geographic Explorer.*
- ✓ One complimentary parka per guest (you'll order your size beforehand, and your parka will be in your cabin upon arrival).
- ✓ All shore excursions and sightseeing; entrance fees, special access permits.
- ✓ Complimentary Voyage Video.
- ✓ All Expedition activities such as hiking, kayaking, and more - use of kayaks is also included.
- ✓ Services of Lindblad Expeditions' Leader, Naturalist staff and expert guides.
- ✓ An on-board National Geographic Photographer.
- ✓ All taxes, service charges and port charges.
- ✓ All gratuities for guides and ship's crew.
- ✓ Services of the ship's physician.

Not Included:

- ✓ Charter flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia - these must be booked and paid for through Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic and are at an additional cost of USD$960 per person (return)..
- ✓ Extensions; passport, visa, security or immigration fees; travel insurance/travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as use of onboard internet, laundry etc.

Unique extras & experiences you won't find on any other expedition voyages...

Take photos with *a National Geographic photographer!*

Take photos with a National Geographic Photographer and learn from our Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructors.

- ✓ One National Georaphic photographer - the same pros who astound the world each month in the pages of National Geographic magazine - is on every expedition
- ✓ You could be sailing onboard with some truly fascinating, and interesting people...
  - Perhaps the woman to your right shooting carefully composed portraits of an albatross? Her career was as White House photographer until she retired at the end of the Clinton administration.
  - The man who might be sharing the deck rail with you, thoughtfully contemplating the icy landscape? He's an IMAX director, currently developing a documentary on Antarctica.

Undersea Exploration Inspired by *JACQUES COUSTEAU*

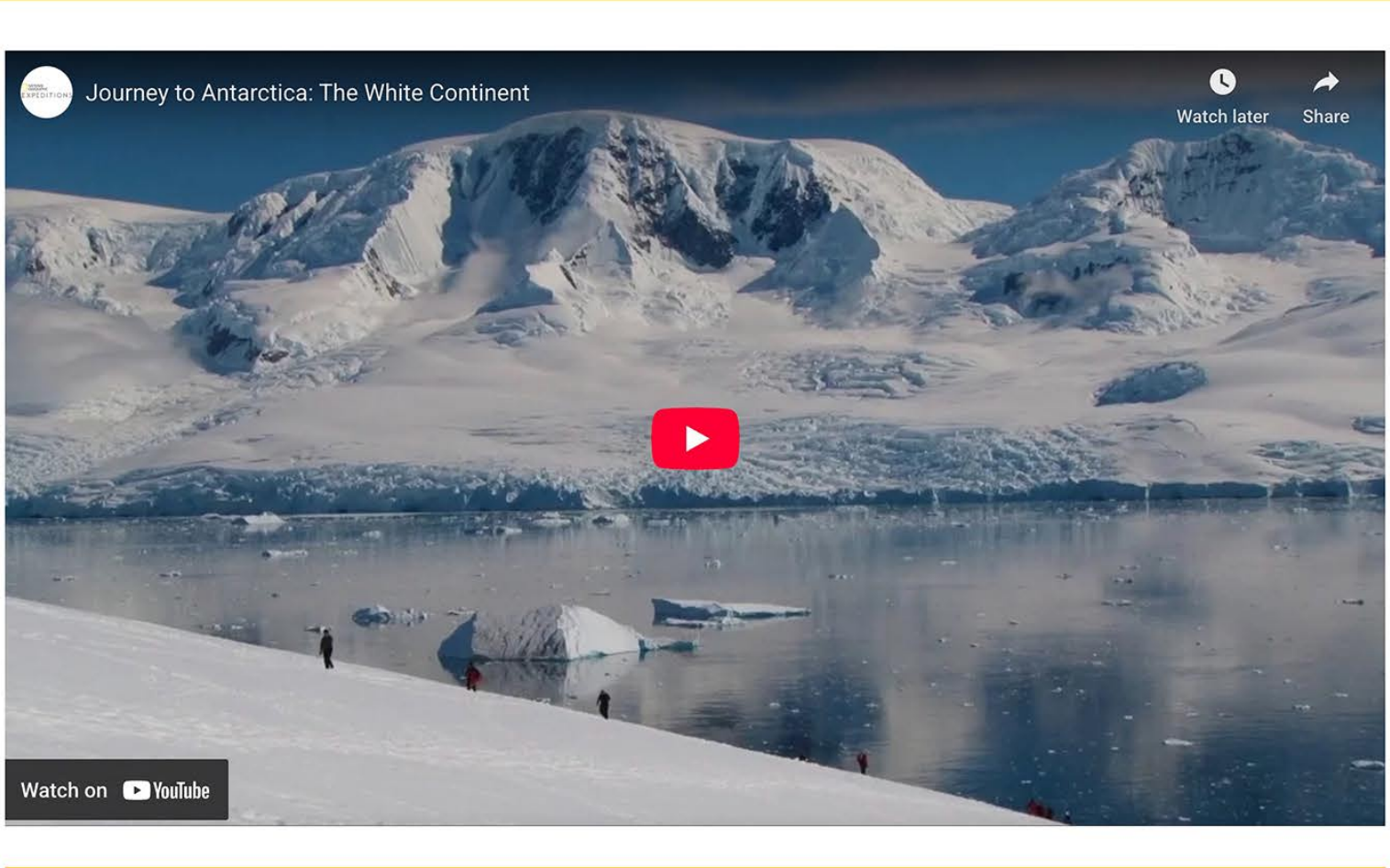
- ✓ Far from cold, gray and lifeless, the polar sea is vibrant, colorful and remarkably full of life. Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Lindblad Expeditions is the only company operating in Antarctica with an extensive undersea program.
- ✓ Guests, sitting in the warmth of the ships lounge can experience the undersea in HD, thanks to the dauntless passion of our undersea specialists—unique members of our expedition team.
- ✓ An undersea specialist dons nearly 200 pounds of gear, including an insulating dry-suit to go diving in the frigid waters. One of our divers has over 200 dives in the Antarctic, and one is believed to be the only person ever to have received dive training and certifcation in the Antarctic.
- ✓ Using a HD camera, our specialist captures images—fish with anti-freeze in their blood, or swimming, plant-like crinoids—that fundamentally change the way guests view the ocean. Some of the animals they have encountered during our expeditions, like a large-scale worm discovered in the Weddell Sea, are so rare or unusual that even Antarctic biologists can't identify them.
- ✓ The *National Geographic Explorer* is also equipped with an ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) capable of depths of up to 1,000 feet and 5000 feet respectively - manned by, but going beyond the range of our divers. These ROV's allowing you to see what few human eyes have ever seen, including polar scientists with whom we share our video findings.
- ✓ Splash cams, or underwater cameras on a pole that can be operated from a Zodiac, are also used during expeditions to catch video of surface activity including krill or playful penguins.

Highly Experienced Captains, Ice Masters & Expedition Leaders

- ✓ With the many decades and hundreds of expeditions worth of experience, our ice masters and expedition leaders are able to deliver an unparalleled experience. Many staff members have written books about Antarctica.
- ✓ The Antarctic is not a particularly well-charted place. Over the years, our captains have kept detailed soundings, which are routinely filed with the Royal Hydrographic Society to aid other mariners. This level of knowledge enables us to confidently and safely take you to the off-the-beaten-path landings for exclusive encounters with Antarctica's beauty and wildness.

Polar Kayaking - Unique Mobile Platform

- ✓ Lindblad Expeditions pioneered polar kayaking. We also invented a unique mobile platform that enables us to safely deploy kayaks anywhere, within minutes of finding an anchorage.
- ✓ And the size of our kayak fleet enables *everyone* who wants to experience personal encounters with the ice and its creatures to do so—to get out on active adventures without waiting for others to return.
- ✓ Kayaking is included.



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3 Steps to remember:

How will Cabin/Stateroom selection, bookings and confirming my place on the Conference Expedition work exactly?

Step 1. Register your interest
Once we receive enough registrations - we will then be able to finalise and confirm the going ahead of the Conference Expedition.

You will then be added to an exclusive list, and only those on this list will be sent an email invitation which will outline exactly how to make your booking and pay your deposit.

Step 2. Keep an eye on your inbox for your Official Conference & Expedition Invitation
Your invitation will be sent out to you via email within 3 - 5 working days (after registrations close), outlining exactly what you need to do to proceed with your booking and confirm our place.

Step 3. Follow the instructions on your Invitation to secure your place!
You will need to follow the instructions in your email invitation in order to proceed with your booking and pay your deposits which is necessary to secure your accommodation and confirm your place on the Conference Expedition.

You will only need to pay the following upfront, as outlined in the 'Conference & Expedition Costs' section, above.
1. Conference Expedition Co-ordinator Fee: USD$250 per person
2. Expedition & Accommodation deposit: USD$1,500 per person
***All Conference attendees plus any partners/traveling companions are required to pay these at the time of booking.**

The remaining amounts owing for your place onboard the Conference Expedition will only need to be paid at a later date - also detailed in the 'Conference & Expedition Costs' section, above.

Cabins/Stateroom selection:
Below you will find a detailed display of the cabin/stateroom selection that will be available to you when it comes time to book. You will find double and single occupancy pricing for each choice of cabin/stateroom.

Bookings will be on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Cabin Selection and Pricing

Category 1 - 7

Category 1 cabin: Main Deck with one or two portholes

USD$14,580 per person Twin Share

Category 2 cabin: Main Deck with window

USD$15,690 per person Twin Share

Category 3 cabin: Main Deck with window

USD$16,150 per person Twin Share

Category 4 cabin: Upper & Veranda Decks

USD$17,380 per person Twin Share

Category 5 cabin: Upper Deck Suite with Balcony

USD$20,990 per person Twin Share

Category 6 cabin: Upper Deck Suite with Balcony

USD$23,940 per person Twin Share

Category 7 cabin: Upper Deck Suite with Balcony

USD$27,930 per person Twin Share

Category A Solo cabin: Main Deck

USD$19,600 Single Occupant

Category B Solo cabin: Upper & Veranda Decks

USD$20,190 Single Occupant

I'M READY TO REGISTER MY INTEREST

Cancellation Policy:

Days and date prior to Expedition start, per person Cancellation Fees:

180 or more days	May 30, 2019 or prior	Full Deposit (USD$1,500)
179 - 120 days	May 31 – July 29, 2019	25% of trip cost
119 - 90 days	July 30 – August 28, 2019	50% of trip cost
89 - 0 days	August 29 – November 26, 2019	No refund

Please Note: Should Conference attendees need to transfer their Expedition ticket to a different person due to unforeseen circumstances, we have arranged for you to be able to do so, as long as this is done 45 days prior to departure. Immediate notification in order to make the necessary changes will be greatly appreciated.

Come join us...