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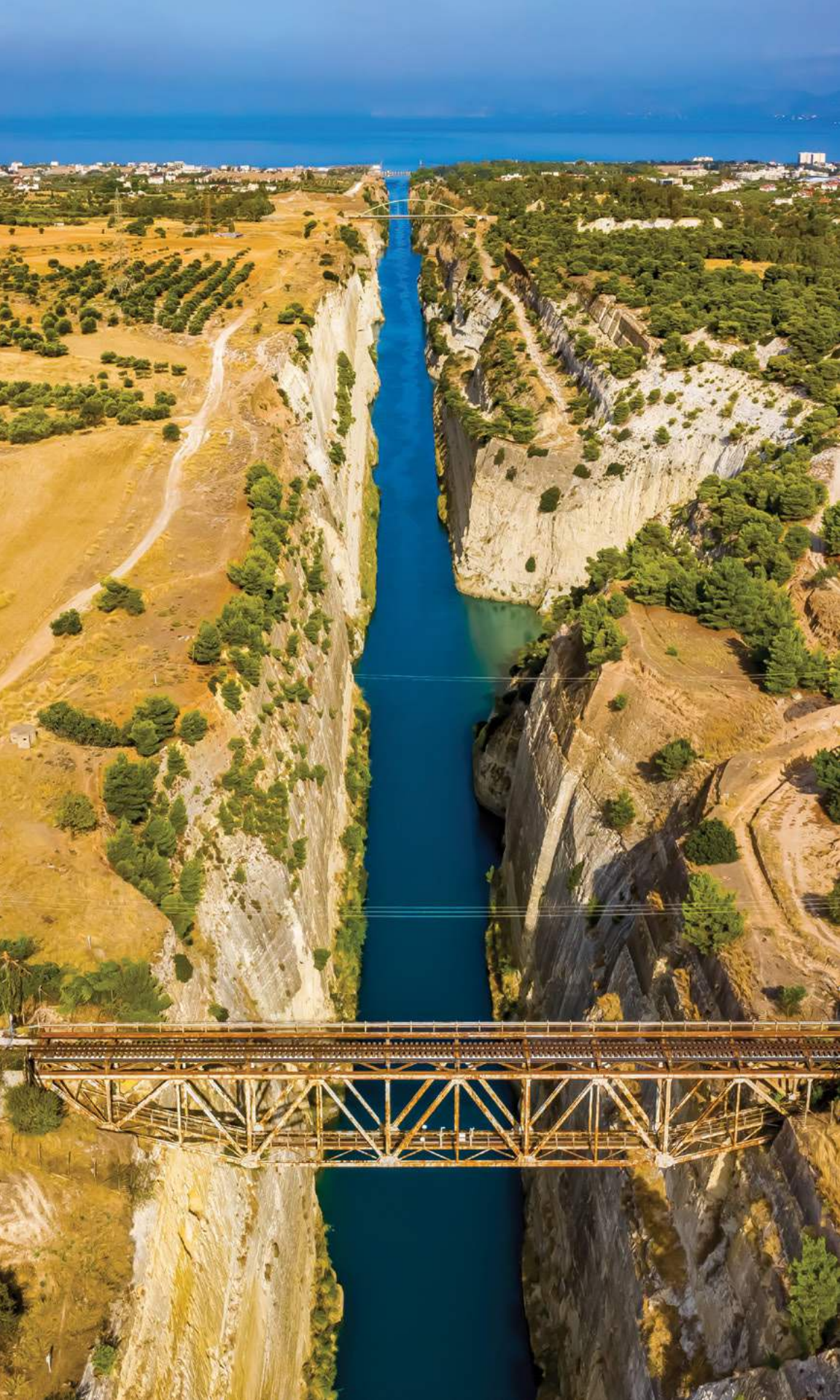
Ancient Mediterranean Odyssey: Exploring Greece, Croatia, and Albania

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Dear National Trust Traveler,

The Mediterranean conjures up images of white-sand beaches, azure seas, ancient ruins, and villages with red-tiled rooftops and narrow cobblestoned passages. Maybe you've even traveled to this storied region before—to somewhere like Athens or Corfu—and experienced some of these sights firsthand. But you haven't fully delved into the rich culture of these legendary empires or witnessed their most intriguing hidden gems until you've been there with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic.

We invite you to experience the Mediterranean with a fresh perspective aboard the *National Geographic Orion*. Glide through the narrow Corinth Canal, where larger vessels cannot go, and get a closer look at the 300-foot limestone walls that rise dramatically on either side. Sail to the front gates of the grand medieval city of Dubrovnik, approaching its legendary walls in a time-honored way. Leave the crowds behind and go oystering in Mali Ston Bay, renowned for producing the world's most delicious oysters. Spot a rare Dalmatian pelican on the lagoons of Divjakë-Karavasta National Park and cruise in a Zodiac through the limestone arches and caves of less-visited islands like Vis and Kefalonia or Zakynthos.

This voyage also connects you to the cultures that shaped these celebrated places through an esteemed National Geographic Destination Expert and the local guides who join us on board. These passionate experts bring silent ruins like the Temple of Apollo to life with decades of illuminating experience and knowledge. A National Geographic Photography Expert will also accompany the journey, offering tips and sharing engaging stories of their time in the field.

Finally, for the traveler who's passionate about fine cuisine, this departure was designed as part of an exclusive wine collaboration with *Food & Wine*. The numerous itinerary enhancements include: a curated list of wines from the region, each hand-selected by *Food & Wine* Executive Wine Editor, Ray Isle; nightly wine tastings guided by a dedicated onboard wine expert; and gourmet menus guided by the rhythms of the season, featuring fresh, sustainable ingredients primarily sourced from the regions we explore.

Travel back through time on a voyage that reveals the Mediterranean's unique majesty, retracing the awe and grandeur of the ancients. **To reserve your place, call 888-484-8785 or 202-588-6300.**

Sincerely,



Meg Annacone-Poretz, MTA
Director, National Trust Tours

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Save 10% when traveling with National Trust Tours. See page 12 for details.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities. For more information, visit the Trust's website at www.savingplaces.org or phone (800) 944-6847 or (202) 588-6000.

Cover photo: Scenic beach in Komiza village waterfront, island of Vis, Croatia. Opposite: Corinth Canal in Greece from above.

Reimagining the Mediterranean

A Fresh Perspective on the Ancient Past

The Mediterranean dazzles with its sun-drenched shores, cerulean seas, and ancient relics that bring some of the world's greatest civilizations to life. Now you can discover—or rediscover—so many more facets of this region aboard *National Geographic Orion*. Encounter famed destinations and lesser-known marvels, from the exquisite Temple of Apollo at Delphi and the walled city of Dubrovnik to outlying Croatian isles and vestiges of antiquity in Albania. Explore fascinating UNESCO World Heritage sites, go oystering, or learn to cook authentic Mediterranean dishes. Stroll among medieval towns and delve into powerful empires from the past, all guided by passionate experts who will illuminate the secrets and stories of the Ionian Sea.

Uncover Hidden Natural Wonders

Embarking on a voyage aboard *National Geographic Orion* not only brings you to numerous historical sites but also immerses you in the unique natural history of these places through privileged-access itineraries. Head to Albania's Divjakë-Karavasta National Park, home to over 200 avian species, including flamingos and Dalmatian pelicans. Leave the tourist-heavy crowds of Croatia's Hvar and Brač far behind and explore the secluded sea caves and crystalline waters of Vis. You may find yourself swirling glasses of Malvasija or learning a local silk embroidery tradition one day, kayaking among limestone arches with a naturalist the next—a marriage of opposites that is integral to our Mediterranean experience.

Opposite page (from top): Sunset on Dubrovnik; view of the houses and churches of Dubrovnik's Old City; Temple of Artemis in Delphi





Life on Board

Luxuriate in Al Fresco Living

An expansive open deck aboard *National Geographic Orion* provides a prime spot for taking in the iconic coastlines and cityscapes of the Mediterranean. Venture up top to watch the terracotta roofs and pastel hues of Corfu's Venetian buildings emerge into view or to capture a majestic panorama of Dubrovnik's medieval fortifications.

Our wine menu collaboration with *Food & Wine* in the Mediterranean pairs perfectly with this gracious vessel. Savor spectacular backdrops to special culinary experiences, enjoying treats such as canapes and cocktails as we sail through



narrow canals and past mountain-backed shores. Breakfast and lunch are served al fresco so you can spend every spare moment possible luxuriating in the warm sun and delightful sea breezes.

Blending Adventure and Comfort

After each day's activities, return to the gracious and intimate atmosphere of the ship, where you will never be left with a wine glass unfilled or a history question unanswered. Exploring this romantic region by expedition ship means you won't be mired in the logistics that come with overland journeys. Everything is taken care of, so all you need to do is step aboard, unpack once, and experience the pleasures and delights of multiple countries in one unforgettable, stress-free voyage.

Opposite page (from top): Old town landscape in Kerkyra, capital of Corfu island, Greece; panorama of Dubrovnik's Old City. This page: National Geographic Orion.

Authentic & Immersive Discovery

The Perfect Platform for Exploration

Compact and nimble, *National Geographic Orion* can thread into places like the Corinth Canal, a steep-walled 19th-century canal that's impassible for larger ships. From our home base in one of 53 well-appointed cabins and suites, venture to out-of-the-way isles to experience singular traditions, like the lively Croatian kolo dances. A fleet of kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, and Zodiacs allow us to glide into cozy coves, zip into craggy inlets, and explore remote sea caves nestled along the coastlines.

A World-Class Expedition Team

Each of our guides—from our naturalists and cultural specialists to our expedition leaders—is committed to providing you with an unforgettable experience. We have curated this team to ensure you are getting in-depth perspectives from veteran and locally based experts who have personal connections to the region.

Your voyage is also accompanied by both a National Geographic Photography Expert and a National Geographic Destination Expert with in-depth knowledge of the region, from its culture and history to its best photo opportunities. With these onboard pros, you discover a richer portrait of the places along your voyage, whether it's the maze of Venetian lanes in Corfu or the colorful stalls of Krujë's medieval bazaar.

Additionally, a certified photo instructor joins our voyage to assist travelers with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with extraordinary images you can revisit for years to come.

Opposite page (clockwise from top): Lake Butrint, Ksamil, Albania; the Parthenon; Dubrovnik's Old City at night; turquoise seas surrounding Hvar island off the Dalmatian Coast.



Voyage Itinerary

Discover the enchanting Dalmatian Coast, with its sun-soaked beaches, charming port towns, and a rich maritime history that dates to the Venetian Empire. Sail between Croatia, Albania, and Greece, delving into ancient empires and their archaeological treasures in fascinating UNESCO World Heritage sites. Soak in the Ionian Sea's idyllic turquoise waters and encounter the region's lesser-known gems, including the secluded coves of Vis and vestiges of antiquity in Albania.

DAY 1 • Split, Croatia/Embark

Arrive in Split and embark the ship. Settle into your cabin and take in the Dalmatian sunset at sea. (D)

DAY 2 • Komiža/Vis

One of the outermost Croatian islands, Vis was ruled successively by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Venetians, Austrians, and Italians. It became a central Yugoslav military base during World War II and only opened to tourists in the 1990s.

Spend the morning exploring one of the island's secluded sea caves and the pristine fjord at Stiniva Bay, and enjoy a swim in the crystalline waters (conditions permitting). We arrive in Komiža after lunch and embark on your choice of several optional experiences, including a hike to the headquarters of Yugoslav resistance leader Josip Broz Tito, where he hid troops and weapons in extensive underground tunnels at the end of World War II and into the Cold War. Venture to hillside barracks and hidden bunkers, or spend the afternoon enjoying the charming downtown. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 • Dubrovnik

Wake up next to the towering fortifications of Dubrovnik's Old City—considered one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world. Take a guided walk of the fortified walls, go oystering and enjoy a seafood lunch in the neighboring town of Ston, take a cooking class in a quaint rural home, or learn about traditional silk embroidery at a local workshop. End your day with the lively rhythms of a private folkdance performance. (B,L,D)



Dubrovnik's Old City.

DAY 4 • Krujë/Divjakë-Karavasta National Park

After docking in Durrës, visit Albania's ancient capital of Krujë, just north of

its modern-day capital of Tirana. Wander the stalls of the medieval bazaar, explore the Ethnographic Museum, and tour the museum dedicated to Albania's larger-than-life national hero, Skanderbeg—the warrior who led a 15th-century rebellion against the Ottoman Empire. Cap off the day with a stirring folkloric performance.

Today also presents an alternative option for travelers. Those interested in birding can visit the lagoons of Divjakë-Karavasta National Park, home to over 200 avian species, including the greater flamingo, Kentish plover, and the extremely rare Dalmatian pelican. (B,L,D)



Kruja old market bazaar souvenir shops in Albania.

DAY 5 • Butrint, Albania/Corfu, Greece

Arrive at Butrint National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site that was first settled by the Greeks in the 7th century BC and is known for its well-preserved Roman ruins. This mesmerizing tapestry of ancient structures and lush woodlands is a wonderful representation of Albania's landscapes.

In the afternoon, cross into Greece. Sandwiched between two fortresses, Corfu's World Heritage-listed Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage center, begs to be explored. Choose to wander the maze of Venetian lanes and shaded town squares, or enjoy a walking tour of the 6th-century Old Fortress of Corfu. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 • Kefalonia or Zakynthos

For our next stop, your expedition leader and local guides will choose one of the many picturesque beaches on the island of either Kefalonia or Zakynthos, bordered by the idyllic Ionian Sea. Soak in the vivid blue waters—a true photographer's delight. Stroll along the shoreline, or swim, kayak, or paddleboard in the beautiful sea. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 • Delphi/Corinth Canal

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Delphi, the center of the ancient Greek world. The ruins here are home to the Temple of Apollo—Greece's most important shrine—where the Oracle of Delphi delivered divine prophecies. Your onboard local guides will share the city's storied past as we explore the temple and other important sites

Later, navigate the historic Corinth Canal, slipping between the 300-foot limestone walls that tower above both sides of our vessel. Built in the late 19th century, the canal is too small for most modern-day ships, but *National Geographic Orion* is perfectly sized for the transit to the Gulf of Corinth and Ionian Sea. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 • Lavrio/Athens/Disembark

Arrive in Athens this morning. Enjoy a farewell breakfast on board before disembarking and transferring to the airport for your flight home. (B)

National Geographic Orion



This nimble vessel takes travelers to little-known parts of the Mediterranean. Gracious and intimate, she fosters a spirited atmosphere on board, while amenities such as outdoor dining, spa treatment rooms, and a top deck plunge pool and hot tub invite relaxation amid sapphire seas.

Capacity

53 outside cabins and suites accommodating 102 guests.

Registry

Bahamas.

Overall Length

338 feet.

Public Areas

Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, laundry, Global Gallery, marina platform. Open Bridge allows guests to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.



The lounge is the perfect place to relax.

Meals

All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The menu emphasizes local flair, expertly prepared and featuring fresh, nutritious meals.

Accommodations

All cabins and suites feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls, and a flat-screen TV. Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers,



Category 6 cabin.

complimentary insulated water bottles, and a *National Geographic Atlas* are available in each cabin.

Expedition Equipment

Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, glass-bottom Zodiac, splashcam, crow's nest camera, hydrophone, underwater video camera, video microscope, and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).

Staff & Crew

Every member of our staff is committed to ensuring our guests have an unforgettable experience. Many of our veteran guides and naturalists are locally based in your destination and have worked with us for decades. A full-time medical professional, undersea specialist, National Geography Photography and Destination Expert, and a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor is on board, and with a low staff-to guest ratio, you can hear different perspectives and gain new insights every day.

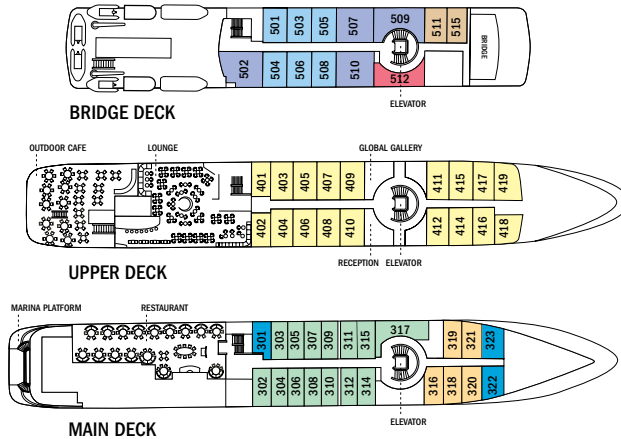
Wellness

A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room, and sauna are on board.

Sustainability

From our carbon neutrality initiatives to the locally sourced food we serve on board, our expeditions are designed around the well-being of our world. Travel with peace of mind, knowing that green practices are embedded in our operations and that each voyage gives back to the places we explore.

Ship Deck Plan & Pricing



Voyage Dates

June 28 - July 5, 2025

Advance Payment Details

15% of the cabin fare, per person

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

10% Savings

Category 1	\$7,493	\$6,744
Main Deck—With an armchair, reading lamps, TV, bedside tables, coffee table, desk, and marble bathrooms. #316, 318-321		
Category 2	\$8,543	\$7,689
Main Deck—With an armchair, reading lamps, TV, bedside table, coffee table, desk, and marble bathrooms. #302-312, 314, 315, 317		
Category 3	\$11,693	\$10,524
Upper Deck—Cabins with a sitting area, sofa, armchair, writing desk, reading lamps, coffee table, TV, bedside table, and marble bathrooms. #401-412, 414-419		
Category 4*	\$13,093	\$11,784
Bridge Deck—Deluxe suites with separate sleeping and sitting areas, a chair and armchair, coffee table, a sofa, reading lamps, TV, and marble bathrooms. #511, 515		
Category 5*	\$13,793	\$12,414
Bridge Deck—Suites with French balcony and a separate sitting area with armchairs and a sofa, a writing desk, coffee table, reading lamps, TV, and marble bathrooms. #501, 503-506, 508		
Category 6*	\$15,193	\$13,674
Bridge Deck—Owner's suites with French balcony with a separate living area with a sofa, armchairs, coffee table, vanity, reading lamps, TV, and marble bathrooms. #502, 507, 509**, 510		
Category 1 Solo Occupancy	\$11,240	\$10,116
Main Deck—Cabins with a writing desk and chair, reading lamps, coffee table, bedside tables, TV, and marble bathrooms. #301, 322, 323		
Category 3 Solo Occupancy*	\$17,540	\$15,786
Bridge Deck—Solo cabin with panoramic window, armchairs, a table, coffee table, TV, and a marble bathroom. Located in an optimal mid ship location near the Bridge, main stairwell, and elevator. #512		

***Suite Exclusives:** The suites on our ships are your elegant retreat at sea, featuring spacious living areas and incredible ocean views. Now, booking one of these beautifully appointed accommodations comes with even more benefits. Our new Suite Exclusives package gives guests staying in eligible cabins access to an array of amenities designed to enhance your on-board experience, including priority booking for spa treatments, complimentary laundry, and other exclusive perks.

Note: Solo occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2. Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.

**#509 has double windows in lieu of a French balcony.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions, and airport transfers, as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced where possible
- 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water
- Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits. We are also pleased to offer a selection of super premium wines and liquors, available for purchase
- Exploration tools such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks
- Gratuities to ship's crew and local guides
- The guidance and company of our leading expedition staff
- Presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers
- Assistance of the certified photo instructor (CPI)
- Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- Complimentary reusable water bottle to fill at onboard water refill stations
- The services of a medical professional
- 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces
- Morning stretch class and access to the fitness center
- Special access permits, park and site entrance fees, and port taxes
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

SPECIAL 10% GROUP SAVINGS: Save 10% on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with National Trust Tours. Valid on this departure date of *Ancient Mediterranean Odyssey: Exploring Greece, Croatia & Albania* for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

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, \$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

BRING THE KIDS: Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off the double-occupancy price for each person under the age of 18. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and 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: All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; meals not indicated; private transfers; travel protection plan; passport, visa, and immigration fees; items of a personal nature such as super premium wines or liquors, laundry, spa treatments, enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans, and phone services.

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% of the cabin fare, 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 INSURANCE: National Trust Tours strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to covered illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers, providing coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay, Baggage Delay, Baggage Loss, Emergency Medical and more. Plus, you can upgrade your plan with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage for the utmost flexibility. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 75% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

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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Passenger Information

Please reserve _____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____

(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Guest 2: _____

(Name as it appears on passport)

Date of Birth: _____ M/F: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

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.


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Expedition Highlights

- Navigate the iconic Corinth Canal, a spectacularly scenic cut inaccessible to larger ships.
- Immerse yourself in Delphi, the center of ancient Greek civilization, once home to the famed Oracle of Delphi.
- Explore Dubrovnik—the pearl of the Adriatic—while strolling atop its ancient walls, trying your hand at oystering, or participating in a cooking or silk embroidery class.
- Discover the mesmerizing tapestry of ancient ruins at Albania's Butrint National Park.
- Go birding in Divjakë-Karavasta National Park, home to over 200 avian species.
- Receive exclusive guidance from both a National Geographic Photography Expert and Destination Expert.
- Nightly tastings and a curated list of wines from your travel region, all hand-selected by *Food & Wine* Executive Wine Editor, Ray Isle.

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We have chosen Lindblad Expeditions because they care deeply about the planet and see travel as a powerful force for good.

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