Explore the Sea of Cortez: one of the best places in the world to see a great variety of whales, plus dolphins in abundance. With a flexible itinerary, rely on our expert staff to follow the seasonal movements of migrating birds and feeding whales ensuring excellent wildlife sightings. Hike forests of giant cacti, snorkel with sea lions, and discover rare wildlife among desert islands.

**DECEMBER 27, 2020: HOME / LORETO / EMBARK**
Fly into Loreto and transfer to National Geographic Venture to set sail on the Sea of Cortez. (D)

**DEC. 28 – JAN. 2: EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ**
Our routing is designed with flexibility in mind, to maximize opportunities for wildlife sightings. It will most likely include the islands and activities listed below, although the order may vary. (B,L,D daily)

**Islas San Esteban and San Pedro Mártir:** Walk up a desert wash, to search for desert birds and the endemic pinto chuckwalla—a plump, harmless desert lizard. Later visit Isla San Pedro Mártir, a 1,000-foot-high guano-covered island that is home to thousands of seabirds: brown pelicans, magnificent frigatebirds, Brandt’s cormorants and California sea lions.

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Group Department

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Email: groups@expeditions.com
Isla San Marcos: At Isla San Marcos there is a beautiful shoreline for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. In the afternoon we are again in rich whale waters, near the mouth of Bahía Concepción where we have excellent possibilities of sighting several species of whales, including fin or sperm.

Isla San José: One of the larger islands in the Sea of Cortez, San José offers several landing possibilities depending on conditions and the whim of the moment. Photograph the ochre cliffs of the island’s eastern shore, hike an “enchanted” arroyo, or visit the salt works to the west. Snorkel with sea lions and discover rare wildlife in the Sea of Cortez.

Bahía Loreto Marine Park: This morning we’ll search for whales in the waters south of Isla Carmen, an area that has proven to be one of the best for finding blue whales, and often bottlenose and common dolphins. In the afternoon we visit one of the islands of Bahía Loreto Marine Park, with ample time for kayaking, snorkeling, stand-up paddleboarding and possibly hiking. In the evening, enjoy a beach barbecue under the desert sky.

Los Islotes and Isla San Francisco: At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel (which we’ll gladly provide) and swim with curious sea lions. We have a leisurely afternoon to swim, kayak or hike at Isla San Francisco. Endemic yellow-footed gulls, brown pelicans and blue-footed boobies are all part of the landscape. Finish the day with a relaxing beach barbecue complete with a bonfire and a star-filled sky. (B,L,D)

JANUARY 3, 2021: DISEMBARK/LORETO/HOME

Disembark and explore Loreto where we will have the opportunity to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum to learn more about what makes this town so special. Enjoy free time to explore quaint shops and vibrant side streets. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

SCOTT GILBERT is a developmental biologist, evolutionary biologist, and historian of biology. He had taught at Swarthmore College for 35 years before he and his wife Anne moved to Portland, Oregon, where Scott is failing retirement miserably. This summer, the thirteenth edition of his developmental biology textbook was published, he gave the opening lecture at the Italian Society for Evolutionary Biology, and he received the educational service award from the Pan-American Society for Evolutionary Developmental Biology. Scott has pursued research with Swarthmore undergraduates, specializing in that age-old question: How does the turtle get its shell. He is considered one of the founders of evolutionary developmental biology (evo-devo), a science emphasizing how development is altered to acquire new variations for natural selection, and in 2016, he presented a lecture on this topic to his Holiness, the Dalai Lama. He and his wife Anne (a retired Obstetrician/Gynecologist) raised three children in Swarthmore.

SPECIAL OFFER: TAKE $500 OFF FOR EACH CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18

CANCELLATION POLICY

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**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE**

**CAPACITY:** 100 Guests in 50 cabins.
**REGISTRY:** United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

The National Geographic Venture, launched in 2019, is the latest addition to the Lindblad-National Geographic fleet. Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S., National Geographic Venture will set a new standard in exploration and comfort.

**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. Our "open bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

**MEALS:** Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and dinner is served family-style. Menu emphasizes local fare.

**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, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, paddle boards, snorkeling gear for all guests (where applicable).

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler and undersea specialist.

**WELLNESS:** The vessels are staffed by a Wellness Specialist and feature a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.

**CATEGORY 1:** Main Deck #301-306 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 2:** Main Deck #307-315 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk and two portholes.

**CATEGORY 3:** Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins feature two lower 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 lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, a writing desk, large view window and small, private balcony.

**CATEGORY 5:** Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins feature two lower single beds that can convert to a Queen, an expanded bathroom, writing desk, ample storage space, and a convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person.

**NOTE:** Sole 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

The dining room with large picture windows; Category 4 cabin with lower single beds (which can convert to a Queen) and a private step-out balcony. Select cabins connect via an inside doorway.
RESERVATION FORM

EXPLORING THE SEA OF CORTEZ: A LIVING SEA & DESERT ISLES

Please reserve _______ place(s) on the December 27, 2020 – January 3, 2021, Baja California expedition.

Passport Name: ____________________________________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Preferred Name for Name Badge: ____________________________________________

Passport Name: ____________________________________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Preferred Name for Name Badge: ____________________________________________

Street Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _________ Zip: __________________________

Primary Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

Accommodations: [ ] Double    [ ] Single    [ ] Twin share w/ friend    [ ] I need assistance in securing a roommate.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference: 1st choice: _______ 2nd choice: _______

[ ] Yes, contact me about arranging international air travel

[ ] Enclosed is my deposit check of $750 per person, payable to: Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

Charge my deposit of $___________ ($750 per person) to my: Visa   MasterCard   American Express   Discover

Account Number: ___________________________ Expires: ____________

Cardholder Signature ___________________________ Date: ____________

Expedition Cost Includes: Accommodations aboard ship; meals as indicated; non-alcoholic beverages; excursions; services of Expedition leader, naturalist staff and expert guides; use of kayaks and snorkeling equipment; all port charges and service taxes. Not Included: Airfare; meals not indicated; personal items such as alcoholic beverages, internet, voyage chronicle, etc.; discretionary tips to ship’s crew.

Important Flight Information: Please confirm your arrival and departure dates prior to booking flights.

Advance Payment: $750 per person