

RamsayTravels

Voyage to Great Bear Rainforest: Native Culture & Wildlife in the Land of the Spirit Bear

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC VENTURE

SEPTEMBER 2-9, 2024

TRAVEL WITH BOB RAMSAY & JEAN MARMOREO



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- ✓ Take kayaks and Zodiacs deep into verdant fjords and wildlife-rich shores in search of bears, golden eagles, river otters, pods of orcas, and more.
- ✓ Journey into pristine forests inaccessible by road and managed by First Nations people.
- ✓ Learn the human history of the region from our cultural interpreter (schedules permitting) and on visits to fascinating First Nations museums.
- ✓ Kayak among massive smacks of jellyfish and witness the surprising undersea through video shot by our undersea specialist.



Bob Ramsay, a writer and world traveller, and his wife Jean Marmoreo, a doctor, writer, and athlete, have shared a love for travel and adventure since the early days of their marriage, when they would go to wild and extreme places, including hiking 1,000 miles of the Appalachian Trail. In 2019 they circumnavigated Manhattan by kayak.

For the past 15 years, Bob and Jean have led friends old and new on trips to places they likely wouldn't have explored. As Bob says: "We do group travel for people who don't do group travel."

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA, USA/EMBARK

Arrive in Ketchikan, the southernmost city in Alaska, spread at the base of forested slopes on Revillagigedo Island, in the early afternoon. Its many monikers, from “salmon capital of the world” to “rain capital of Alaska,” capture the spirit of this city, famous for colorful buildings and abundant fishing boats and canneries. Embark the *National Geographic Venture* in time for cocktails and an introduction of the vessel, staff, and crew. (D)

DAY 2

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Wake up in Prince Rupert, a scenic harbor town on British Columbia’s rugged northwest coast. Get immersed in First Nations history at the Museum of Northern British Columbia, built in the style of a coastal longhouse. Breathe in the scent of cedar beams and peruse an impressive collection of ornate carvings, weavings, ceremonial objects, and regalia. Visit the North Pacific Cannery Museum, a collection of cannery buildings located in a pristine wilderness surroundings that highlight BC’s economic, cultural, and natural development over the last century. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3-6

EXPLORING THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST AND RUGGED COASTLINE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Over the course of the next four days, we will cruise far into the fjords and deep valleys that carve into the Coast Mountain Range looking for black and grizzly bears. On rare occasions the mythic “Spirit Bear” can be spotted; however there are fewer than 400 estimated to exist. We will be accompanied by a cultural interpreter* who will share with you local Indigenous knowledge, culture, and practices.

British Columbia has one of the highest proportions of protected land of any jurisdiction in the world. Almost 15 percent of the land is protected, with a wide range of provincial parks, national parks, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will go ashore and explore several remote locations where few people venture. Discover hidden gems by Zodiac and kayak, navigate the tidal narrows that lead to the backs of bays while constantly scanning for bears along the rocky shoreline and meadows such as Gilttoyees Inlet. (B,L,D)

*Please note: Cultural interpreter dependent on availability.

DAY 7

CRUISING AND LOWE INLET PROVINCIAL MARINE PARK

Seek out pods of killer whales and see foraging brown bears as we sail north through the narrow Grenville Channel between Pitt Island and the mainland, a dramatic navigational experience. Not only does the channel narrow to less than a quarter of a mile across, but a slight bend in the passage makes the waterway seem to disappear into the hills ahead and behind the ship. Here, we will drop our Zodiacs and kayaks to explore the salmon run at Verney Falls in Lowe Inlet Provincial Marine Park on our way to Prince Rupert. (B,L,D)

DAY 8

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA/DISEMBARK

Disembark and transfer to the airport or other trip extensions. (B)



National Geographic Venture

CAPACITY: 50 cabins accommodating 100 guests.

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

Designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A., *National Geographic Venture* sets 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. The open Bridge provides guests an opportunity to meet the captain and officers to learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu emphasizes local fare. Cuisine is fresh, sustainable, and accented with regional flair.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with Wi-Fi, and multiple electrical and USB outlets. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essentials Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles, and a *National Geographic Atlas* are available in each cabin.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, paddleboards, snorkeling gear for all guests, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Wi-Fi access, elevator, certified photo instructor, undersea specialist, and ship physician.

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

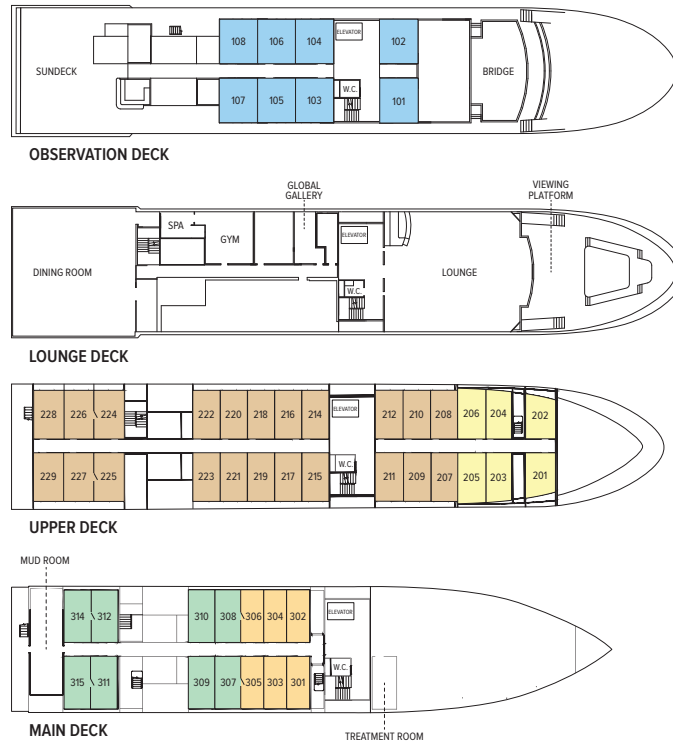
SUSTAINABILITY: Lindblad Expeditions takes responsible, sustainable travel to heart. For 50+ years, our expeditions have inspired travelers to protect the ocean, conserve wildlife, bolster local communities, and enable meaningful scientific research. We are 100% carbon neutral and dedicated to green business practices at every level of our operations. When you travel with us, you'll eat sustainable meals, experience our commitment to single-use plastic-free travel, and be aboard the industry's first self-disinfecting expedition ships, prioritizing your health and safety. Feel good about exploring with us and preserve the planet for future generations.



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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
September 2-9, 2024	\$5,730	\$6,660	\$7,370	\$8,190	\$9,120	\$8,600	\$10,010	15% of the cabin fare, per person

Special Offers

SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RAMSAY TRAVELS: Save 5% on voyage rates above (i.e., Cat. 1 pp cost = \$5,443.50) when traveling as a group of 8 or more. This is applicable to voyage fares only and is not valid on extensions or airfare. May not be combinable with other offers.

WI-FI CREDIT: Ramsay, Inc. guests receive up to \$75 per person/\$150 per couple credit for shipboard Wi-Fi.

BRING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18.



Terms and Conditions

PRICING: Prices are in USD, per person based on double occupancy, subject to availability, and are accurate at time of printing.

COST INCLUDES: Accommodations aboard ship; all meals, nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages aboard ship (except certain super premium brands of alcohol); all shore excursions, sightseeing, special access permits, and entrance fees; transfers to/from airport if traveling on recommended group flights; taxes, and service charges; services of Lindblad Expeditions' natural history staff, ship physician and local guides. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; meals not indicated; extensions; passport and visa fees; travel protection plan; gratuities to the ship's crew; items of a personal nature such as certain super premium brands of alcohol, Wi-Fi, 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% 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 PROTECTION PLAN: Travel and medical insurance are recommended.

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.

SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

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.

NOTE: Itineraries and prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date and are subject to change. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time of booking. 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.

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CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	No penalty: Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition**
119-90 days	50% of trip cost***
89-0 days	100% of trip cost***
<p>**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.</p> <p>***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</p>	

RESERVATION FORM:



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TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
OR FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Lindblad Expeditions
Group Department
96 Morton Street
New York, NY 10014
Phone: 833-985-1261
Email: groups@expeditions.com

PASSENGER INFORMATION

Please reserve ____ place(s) on the September 2-9, 2024, Alaska and British Columbia expedition with RamsayTravels. Note your voyage routing is Ketchikan, Alaska to Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

Passport Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Preferred name for name badge: _____

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Preferred name for name badge: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home or Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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 _____

Enclosed is my deposit cheque of 15% of the cabin fare (per person), payable to:

Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

If paying by credit card or wire transfer, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect/provide payment information.