SMITH COLLEGE FACULTY LEADER

Gregory White is the Mary Huggins Gamble Professor of Government at Smith College, where he is also a member of the Environmental Science and Policy steering committee. From 2011-2014 he served as the Faculty Director of the Lewis Global Studies Center. At Smith he teaches courses on global environmental politics, international relations, migration and refugee politics, and North African politics. He has also taught at Williams, Mount Holyoke, and Amherst colleges.

The recipient of Fulbright scholarships to Tunisia and Morocco, Professor White received his doctorate in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2009-10 he received a New Directions Grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation and studied climate and earth science at Columbia University’s Earth Institute. He is the author of *Climate Change and Migration: Borders and Security in a Warming World* (Oxford University Press, 2011) and co-editor of *North African Politics: Change and Continuity* (Routledge Press, forthcoming 2015). He is co-editor-in-chief of the *Journal of North African Studies*. His current research focuses on Morocco’s tourism sector and its hydrological and sustainability challenges in the context of climate change.
Dear Smith Alumnae and Friends,

When it comes to Antarctica, our mission is twofold: first, to enable you to experience, not merely see, this remarkable place. We bring you into direct contact with Antarctica’s vast and teeming penguin rookeries. Guide you on treks through the exhilarating landscape. Take you exploring in Zodiacs among the cathedral-sized icebergs and feeding whales. Send you out in a kayak for your own personal polar adventure. Reveal the Antarctic undersea to you, through the efforts of our undersea specialists and ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle). Help you capture the amazing scenery and wildlife with a unique expedition photography program, including an onboard National Geographic photographer. And we surround you with knowledgeable, engaging staff, Smith College faculty leader Professor Gregory White, a guest speaker, and interesting fellow guests, including alumnae/i from Bryn Mawr and Vassar colleges.

The other vital aspect of our job is to ensure your safety. Antarctica is not tame—it is one of the most remote and wild places on Earth. Our tour operator, Lindblad Expeditions, pioneered expedition travel to Antarctica over 45 years ago and is well known for their experience and commitment to safety and preserving the environment.

So join us on a journey to the White Continent aboard the state-of-the-art expedition ship, *National Geographic Explorer*, designed to provide you with the utmost safety and comfort. Our voyage, November 27-December 10, 2015, takes place during Antarctica’s austral spring, with its 18+ hours of daylight and genuinely “virgin” snow. And not only will this voyage be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, it will be a once-in-a-century event, as this season we celebrate the Centennial of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Read more about what is planned on the following pages.

To be in the stunning wilderness of Antarctica—seeing, learning, and doing interesting things—I can’t imagine a more meaningful and memorable experience. To make your reservation, please call Smith Travel at 800-225-2029 or return the attached reservation form. I hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Bigwood
Director, Smith Travel
Office of Alumnae Relations, Smith College


Cover: Zodiac cruise amid the otherworldly Antarctic ice.
Opposite page: Recently fledged Adélie penguins.
Ship’s Registry: Bahamas
Inhabit the vastness and discover the wonder of being somewhere entirely pristine. That’s the point of the experience, expertise, and technology we provide—to give you the unparalleled thrill of heading into the unknown, confident of your safety.
See the Antarctic You Would Otherwise Miss

Go with us for a genuinely exploratory experience. Thanks to the National Geographic Explorer’s experts and tools, you can actively engage. Hang out on the bridge to watch the captain maneuver through the leads or watch the massive crunching on deck. Descend from your ship, “parked” in the ice, for the thrill of walking on a frozen sea. See raucous penguin courting—with pairs proceeding from courting to mating, with comic pebble-stealing behavior on display. Shoot with an onboard National Geographic photographer and enjoy the company of genuinely interesting people.

A fleet of sturdy Zodiaks enables more wide-ranging explorations amid the bergs, and landfalls on polar beaches for penguin encounters and walks or hikes with knowledgeable naturalists. The ship also carries 36 double kayaks and an ingenious mobile platform to deploy them, safely and swiftly from anywhere, so you can have water-level encounters with the ice and its creatures.

Even Explore the Antarctic Undersea

NG Explorer travels with an undersea specialist who dives with a video camera and brings back footage for all to watch in vivid HD, in the dry warmth and comfort of the lounge, perhaps with a cocktail in hand and hors d’oeuvres at the ready. Always interesting, it can also be pioneering. In Antarctica, for example, the footage you see may be of marine life few scientists, or human eyes for that matter, have ever seen.
“I was personally involved with the rebuilding of Explorer and know firsthand what extreme measures we took to make the ship strong. She is the most reinforced, safest ship I have ever worked on before—and I have complete confidence taking her deep into the polar ice.”

—Captain and Ice Master Leif Skog
Go Safely, Aboard the World’s Ultimate Expedition Ship

One of our key advantages in Antarctica is the ship. National Geographic Explorer is a purpose-built, ice-class vessel, constructed to demanding technical specifications with a DNV Ice 1A, ice-reinforced hull. Her design is informed by 45+ years of polar expedition experience, and the collective 170 years of expedition experience the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic alliance represents. In addition to being an ice-class polar expedition vessel, Explorer is also a beautiful ship, built with careful attention to details and comfort. She accommodates 148 guests in 81 outside-facing cabins. She is the best-equipped expedition ship in the world, featuring exceptional accoutrements that make her an unparalleled base for exploration. And she enables an intimate, learning-oriented expedition environment.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER’S TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY

- Fully Stabilized with an Ice-1A Class rating on the forward hull
- A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that can explore the ocean at depths to 1,000 feet
- A Remote-Controlled Crow’s Nest Camera with real-time footage broadcast on high-definition LCD video screens within each cabin
- An Electronic Chart System that broadcasts as a channel in the cabins
- A Chart Room with nautical maps and a coffee, tea, hot cocoa station
- Open Invitation to Visit the Bridge
- The Observation Lounge, providing panoramic vistas of scenic destinations
- 13 Zodiacs and internal boarding mechanism for swift, effortless disembarkation
- 36 Double Kayaks that allow guests to kayak in pristine environments
- A Professional Video Chronicler to capture every facet of your unique adventure, and professionally edit a DVD prior to departure available for purchase

Above: Guest takes in the magnificent scenery from the library; chart room.
Go With Experts, Rely on Experience

Travel with the top team for navigating polar waters. The ship’s captain and officers have spent decades in the ice. They have navigated over 125 Antarctic expeditions, confirming they have the expertise and confidence to safely conduct our guests through the full range of polar weather and sea conditions. With a profound love for the polar geographies, the captain and his team ensure that spontaneity and memorable moments remain our expedition hallmarks.

Explore with the best field team. Our unparalleled expedition team is key to an in-depth experience, and the generous staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10 means more choice in activities, and more diverse personalities and interests you can gravitate to. Their guidance and enthusiasm makes this Antarctica expedition uniquely informative and fun. An expedition leader, 8 naturalists/historians, National Geographic photographer, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, Global Perspectives guest speaker, undersea specialist, video chronicler, and wellness specialist all contribute to your experience of the wonders.

Learn from expert photographers. Unique in the world of travel, the expedition photography program offers guests of every skill and interest level unrivalled photography opportunities—including a top National Geographic photographer aboard. Photo enthusiasts can stand side-by-side with accomplished photographers and pick up tips in an extraordinary field environment. Their guidance and inspiration will help you return home with great shots or a complete photo record of your experience of a lifetime.

From top: Guests join the officers on the bridge to watch them navigate the ice; the captain and his crew are always on the lookout for wildlife; ROV being deployed, which is capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet; guests take advantage of Antarctica’s photo ops.
Your Expedition Team

Below are some of the specialists who will be joining your voyage.

Global Perspectives Guest Speaker Alasdair McGregor is a historian, painter, and author of two books on Antarctica, including the biography of Shackleton’s photographer, Frank Hurley: A Photographer’s Life. He will share his love of natural history, the environment, and the history of exploration.

Award-winning National Geographic Photographer Susan Seubert, author of more than 20 feature stories for National Geographic Traveler, offers tips to help you capture the natural beauty and wildlife of Antarctica.

Expedition Leader Lisa Kelley, a member of the Explorer’s Club and an undersea specialist, was the first person to ever learn to dive in the Antarctic, and she will seamlessly coordinate all aspects of your voyage.

Veteran Naturalist Steve Maclean, zoologist and ecologist, has explored ecosystems all over the world and will reveal the mysteries of the animals, birds, plants, and insects you encounter in Antarctica.

Naturalist and Certified Photo Instructor Eric Guth has earned the title of “Ice Man” in media outlets the world over thanks to his long-time passion for exploring and photographing glaciated areas.

Note: Expedition staff subject to change.
Celebrate the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition Centennial

In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 stalwart individuals attempted to cross the continent on foot from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea via the South Pole. While disaster famously beset the Endurance expedition, Shackleton, through extraordinary leadership and dogged, relentless effort, lost none of the men who were with him; all were saved in 1916. The legendary tale has inspired Lindblad Expeditions ever since the company’s founder Lars-Eric Lindblad took the first group of ‘citizen explorers’ to Antarctica in 1966. And we plan to celebrate Shackleton and his achievement during your voyage aboard National Geographic Explorer. If you’ve yearned to see Antarctica, this is a historic moment to do it.

Enter Into the Shackleton Centennial Spirit on Us

To celebrate you will receive a specially commissioned Centennial Badge and an exclusive parka. Based on historic expedition wear, the parka combines vintage style with maximum high-tech comfort. These unique keepsakes mark a historic moment and brand you a genuine polar explorer. Both are yours with our compliments.

From an exclusive onboard multimedia presentation to special photography outings, and complimentary pourings of Mackinlay’s Rare Old Highland Malt to toast Shackleton, this Antarctic voyage will be uniquely celebratory.

To inspire you, we’ll provide a complimentary copy of Alfred Lansing’s definitive book, Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage as a voyage pre-read or to enjoy on board with Antarctic views.

Opposite: Expedition photographer Frank Hurley aboard the Endurance would go to almost any lengths to get his shot. Here he is high in the rigging of the Endurance, filming Shackleton as he examines the ice ahead of the ship. Right: A specially commissioned Centennial parka—yours with our compliments.
Go Comfortably, Aboard
National Geographic Explorer

The hotel manager and head chef are integral to every expedition—as important to the intricate calculus of happiness aboard ship as the expedition leader and the captain. Their ability to respond flexibly keeps our vital expeditionary spirit fed, so to speak. You can eagerly rush to the deck for a spontaneous dinner-hour wildlife sighting, without worry that it’s wreaking havoc in the kitchen. Dinner will still be superb. Like the ship’s connectedness to the outdoors, each meal is a window of sorts, reflecting the local cuisine through fresh ingredients sourced locally from providers who act sustainably. Whether you’re photographing penguins or hiking along the dramatic shoreline, you’re building an appetite—for food, comfort, and personal service—these team members are dedicated to satisfying.

Right: An array of baked-fresh daily breads; a strikingly plated dinner entree.
The Perfect Ending to Active Days

Explorer’s private spaces are as alluring as her public ones. Decorated in relaxing earth tones, her 81 outside cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins are inviting and rewarding—with deluxe bedding, signature feather duvets, and thick terry robes. All feature flat-screen TVs with movie programming, as well as channels broadcasting the live feed from the remote-controlled crow’s nest camera, and an electronic chart system. And all cabins are equipped with Ethernet connections, plugs for laptops, and phone or camera chargers.

From left: The library is a relaxing place to read or study a topic; the well-equipped fitness center offers a panoramic view; guest enjoys a massage after an active day of exploring.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER’S AMENITIES**

- **Dining Room:** Contains banquettes and table configurations ranging from parties of 2 to up to 12
- **Bistro Bar:** Smaller, more intimate; includes a piano, drinks, and cappuccino bar
- **Accommodations:** 81 outside cabins, including 4 suites with balconies, 9 cabins with balconies, and 14 solo cabins with feather duvets, white terry robes, hair dryers
- **Global Gallery:** High-quality handicrafts from global artisans; sundries and gear
- **LEXspa:** For relaxing massages and body treatments. Includes sauna, shower, towels and robes, a wellness specialist, two treatment rooms
- **Fitness Center:** Equipped with freeweights, stretch bands, balance balls, treadmill, elliptical, and a stationary bike
- **Mud Room:** With open lockers for convenient stowage of boots, parkas, hats, weather gear, etc.
- **Library, Observation Lounge, Internet Cafe, Laundry, Full-time doctor**
Traveling aboard the state-of-the-art National Geographic Explorer, encounter the spectacular Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands and waterways. Glide around enormous tabular icebergs by Zodiac, walk along beaches covered with thousands of penguins, and kayak amid abundant marine life.

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Depart on an overnight flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina’s cosmopolitan capital. Settle into the Caesar Park Hotel (MGallery) before taking a guided overview of the city, seeing its Beaux Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron.

DAY 3: BUENOS AIRES/USHUAIA/EMBARK
Fly by private charter to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, and enjoy lunch on a catamaran cruise of the Beagle Channel. Then embark the National Geographic Explorer and set sail. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AT SEA/DRAKE PASSAGE
While crossing the spectacular Drake Passage, spot albatross and other seabirds that glide alongside the ship. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5–10: EXPLORING ANTARCTICA
With long hours of daylight at this time of year, we have ample opportunity to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and the surrounding islands. In keeping with the nature of an expedition, the schedule is flexible so that we can take advantage of the unexpected—watching whales perform off the bow, taking an after-dinner Zodiac cruise, or heading out on an extra landing.

Adélie penguin.
during the day. We anticipate making several Zodiac landings each day to hike, kayak among the icebergs, and experience close encounters with wildlife. You may have the thrill of watching our powerful ship crunch through the pack ice, or step ashore to the cries of thousands of gentoo penguins. You’ll learn how climate change affects the penguin populations, and how to capture images of those same penguins from a National Geographic photographer. Back aboard, our undersea specialist may present video from that day’s dive or show rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface using the ROV. The expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more, and experience more. (B,L,D)

DAYS 11 AND 12: AT SEA
Enjoy the ship’s amenities as the Antarctic coast disappears from view. Round the southernmost tip of South America, and see the meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Celebrate your voyage at a farewell dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 AND 14: USHUAIA, ARGENTINA/DISEMBARK/BUENOS AIRES/U.S.
Disembark in Ushuaia. Fly by private charter to Buenos Aires and connect with your overnight flight home. (B,L)

Optional Voyage Extensions
>> Iguazú Falls, Argentina: 3 Days, post-voyage.
>> Easter Island, Chile: 4 Days, post-voyage.
>> Buenos Aires, Argentina: 2 Days, pre-voyage.
Call for details and prices.
National Geographic Explorer

CAPACITY: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Bahamas. OVERALL LENGTH: 367 feet.

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PUBLIC AREAS: Bistro bar; chart room; restaurant; global gallery; library; lounge with full-service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows, and presentations; mud room with lockers for expedition gear, and observation lounge. The “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities, and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, Splash-Cam, underwater video camera, remote-controlled crow’s nest camera, video microscope.

SPECIAL FEATURES: A full-time doctor, undersea specialist, Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor and video chronicler, Internet café, and laundry.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features a glass-enclosed fitness center, outdoor stretching area, two LEXspa treatment rooms, and sauna.

From top: Example of a Main Deck cabin with window. Spacious solo cabins are available on all decks. Standard bathrooms are stocked with a hair dryer, terrycloth robes, and deluxe amenities.
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER DECK PLAN
Capacity: 148 guests in 81 outside cabins.

Category 1: $12,970
Main Deck with one or two Portholes #301-308

Category 2: $13,940
Main Deck with Window #317-320, 335-336

Category 3: $14,370
Main Deck with Window #313-316, 321-328, 337-340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350

Category 4: $15,460
Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #103-104, 107-108, 201-202, 204-207, 210, 212, 217, 226, 228

Category 5: $18,550
Upper Deck with Balcony #209, 211, 214, 216, 218, 220-222, 224

Category 6: $21,250
Veranda Deck–Suite #101-102; Upper Deck-Suite with Balcony #213

Category 7: $24,740
Upper Deck–Suite with Balcony #215, 219, 230

Category A Solo Occupancy: $17,430
Main Deck with Window #309-312, 329-334

Category B Solo Occupancy: $17,970
Upper and Veranda Decks with Window #105-106, 203, 208

Category 3 Triple Occupancy*: $13,940
Main Deck with Window #341, 343

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Available in Categories 1 and 2.

NOTE: Sole occupancy cabins available in Categories A and B. Third person rates are available in the designated triple occupancy cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate.

NOTE: Cabins #209, 211, 214, 216-218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 303-306 — These cabins have one queen-sized bed. All other double cabins have two lower single beds; some can convert to a queen-sized bed.
Cost Includes: Accommodations aboard ship; one hotel night in Buenos Aires; meals indicated; nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship; transfers to/from airport if traveling on group flights; all shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees; use of kayaks; taxes, service charges, and tips (except to ship's crew); services of the ship physician and Lindblad's expedition staff; and complimentary parka for each guest.

Not Included: Airfare between hometown and Buenos Aires; charter flights Buenos Aires/Ushuaia/Buenos Aires; meals not indicated; optional extensions; passport, visa, and immigration fees; baggage/accident/travel protection plan; voyage DVD; personal items including email, telephone and fax calls, and laundry; and discretionary gratuities to ship's crew.

Sample Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Buenos Aires: Economy from $1,200 (subject to change). Lindblad will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee. Charter air round-trip Buenos Aires/Ushuaia: $850 per person.

Terms & Conditions
Reservations: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US $1,000 per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check.

Final Payment: Due 120 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: A travel protection plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, Smith Travel will send you information on the policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons, trip delay, medical expenses, accidental death, lost baggage and medical evacuation.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Maritime Enterprises' 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.

Prices listed in this brochure are as of publication date, and are subject to change. Lindblad Maritime Enterprises reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the actual cost of fuel.

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We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
Reservation Form: Antarctica
November 27-December 10, 2015
Aboard National Geographic Explorer

Please reserve ____________ place(s).

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Name 1 (Preferred name for name badge): ___________ Date of Birth (mo/day/year): __________

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Accommodations:  □ Double  □ Single  □ Twin share w/friend
□ Twin share (Roommate assigned by tour operator)

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

Please send information on the extension to  □ Iguazú Falls  □ Easter Island  □ Buenos Aires.

□ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ___________________ (US$1,000 per person)
Check made payable to Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.

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to my □ Visa □ MasterCard □ American Express or □ Discover

Account Number: ___________________________ Expires: __________
Cardholder Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

▶ View magnificent mountains, towering icebergs, and ice formations that make up the dramatic Antarctic landscape.

▶ Celebrate the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition Centennial with exclusive onboard events.

▶ Cruise aboard sturdy Zodiac landing craft in search of leopard seals.

▶ Kayak in protected waters, paddling around icebergs as penguins swim nearby.

▶ Walk on shore amid thousands of penguins, including gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap.