DISCOVERING CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK: A 5-DAY VOYAGE

Discover a hidden wild side of a well-known region. Just off the coast of California, one of the lesser-known U.S. national parks beckons, with dramatic sea cliffs, grassy headlands, and rocky islets. Dayboats can take you to individual islands to hike or camp, but our small ships provide a mobile base camp from which to actively explore the full natural splendor of this unique archipelago.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Los Angeles, CA / Embark

Arrive in Los Angeles by early afternoon and transfer to the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel in San Pedro before embarking the ship. Enjoy a cocktail on the deck and meet the expedition team as you set sail in early evening.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 2:30 p.m. local time.
Arrival City: Los Angeles, CA

Meals Included: Dinner

DAY 2: Anacapa and Santa Cruz Islands, Channel Islands National Park

Wake to the ship at anchor off the rocky outcropping of East Anacapa Island. Join your wellness specialist on the sundeck for morning yoga and then enjoy the breakfast buffet. After breakfast, join naturalists aboard Zodiacs to go ashore on East Anacapa. The goal is the Anacapa Lighthouse, built in 1932, the last major light station to be built on the West Coast. Soak in amazing views from the island alongside a naturalist or choose to explore stunning Arch Rock via Zodiac. This afternoon, set sail for Santa Cruz Island for activities ashore as you search for endemic flora and fauna.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3: Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park

Start your morning with an optional stretch class before breakfast. Weather permitting, go kayaking, hike one of the many trails or simply relax ashore. With luck, you may catch a glimpse--or photo--of the elusive fox species endemic to the island. Join the naturalists for a more strenuous hike out to the base of the Torrey pines grove, which contains what is considered one of the world's rarest pines and is one of only two naturally occurring groves in the world. End the day with a sunset cocktail party.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: Catalina Island

Spend the day discovering the colorful history and natural wonders of Catalina Island. Once a haunt of smugglers and gold diggers, the island was transformed into a resort destination by chewing gum tycoon William Wrigley, Jr. in the 1920s. Some 50 years later, William's heirs, Philip K. Wrigley and Dorothy Wrigley Offield, established the Catalina Island Conservancy, protecting nearly 90 percent of the island. Meet a conservancy member to learn about their work on the island before heading out on the trail for spectacular views of the coastline and the Catalina backcountry. With luck, catch a glimpse of the elusive bison herd that have resided on Catalina Island since 1924. Head for the water to kayak or stand-up paddleboard. Return to the ship for a farewell dinner and a last evening at sea under the stars.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5: Los Angeles / Disembark

Awake dockside in the bustling Port of Los Angeles (early risers can catch the action in one of the world's largest ports). Disembark after breakfast for transfers to the airport.

Departure Time: After 12:00 p.m. local time.
Departure City: Los Angeles, CA

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change

YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

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VESSEL TYPE:

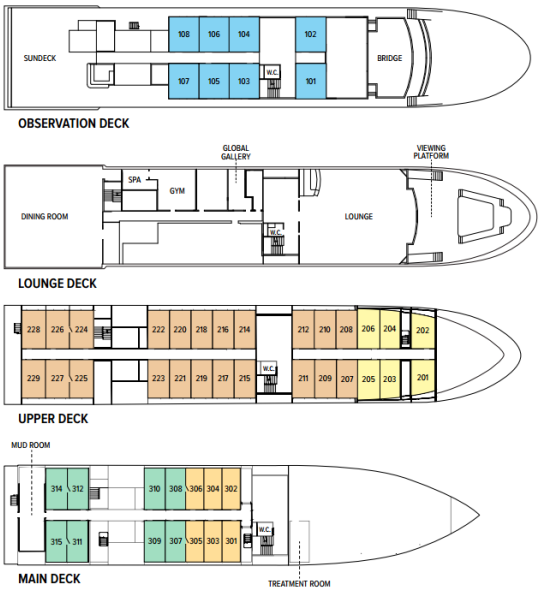
LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

National Geographic Quest is a state-of-the-art, purpose-built expedition vessel made for exploring coastal waters, shallow coves, and fast-moving channels where wildlife congregate while sailing with the luxury of supreme comfort. Spacious cabins, open decks for wildlife viewing, and specialty tools for exploration make it the ideal platform for sailing in the remote areas of Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, Costa Rica, Panama, and Belize. Designed with decades of expedition experience in the region, _National Geographic Quest_ more than comfortably accommodates 100 guests in 50 cabins. Her twin expedition craft landing platform allow us to rapidly get on and off the ship to take advantage of wildlife sightings and to ensure we maximize our time off the ship exploring. Created with a shallow draft, _Quest_ draws only nine feet of water allowing her to sail into places where much larger ships cannot go.

INSIDE YOUR SHIP



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