

# BELIZE: DIVE INTO A WEALTH OF BIODIVERSITY



The Belize Barrier Reef, the largest reef system in the Northern Hemisphere, reveals hundreds of species of fish, marvelous sea turtles, graceful rays, gentle manatees, and over 90 varieties of coral. As only a small percentage of the reef has been

studied, researchers believe hundreds, even thousands, more species could be discovered in this protected zone. Much of Belize remains genuine wilderness, with large expanses of dense tropical forest, miles of wild rivers, and abundant bird life. Protecting 7,000 acres with three waterfalls, miles of hiking trails along creeks cutting through the tropical forest, Mayflower-Bocawina National Park is a gem in Belize's corridor of protected areas. Hike a nature trail with naturalists, photograph colorful tropical plants, search for exotic birds, and look out for the tracks of deer, tapirs, and wild cats. And learn of the extensive research on Central America's apex predator, the jaguar.

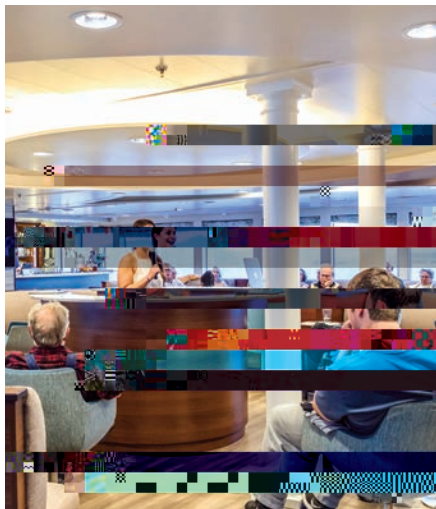
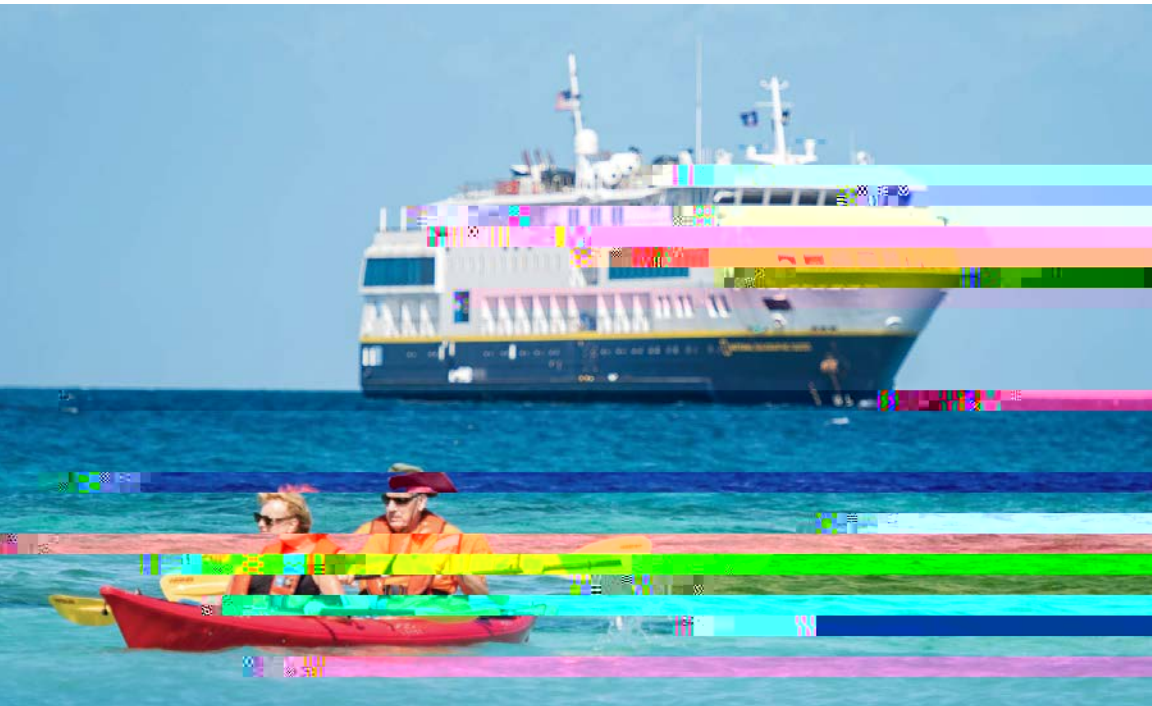
## A NATURAL SUCCESS STORY



In 1996, the Belize Barrier Reef was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In 2009, it was added to the List of World Heritage Sites in Danger due to the detection of coral bleaching, mangrove cutting, and excessive development. But in 2019, the Belize Barrier Reef was removed from this list as UNESCO determined it no longer faced threats from development. In recent years,

the Belize government placed a moratorium on oil exploration around the reef and added protections for coastal mangrove forests. Our expeditions put you at the heart of it—to experience the reef in all its natural splendor.

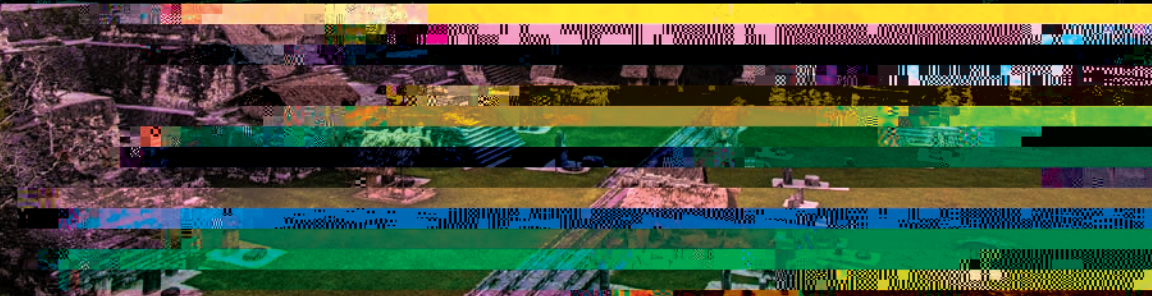
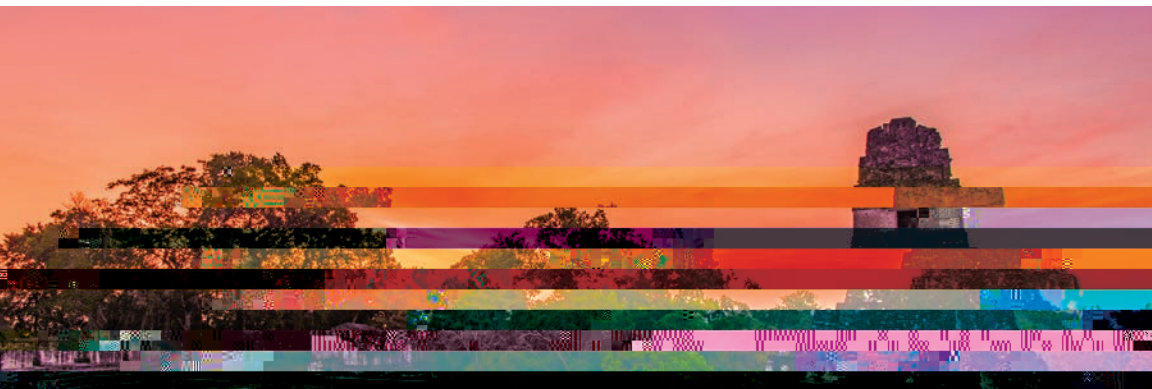
Opposite page (clockwise from top): Green iguana; howler monkey; diver encounters hawksbill turtle; keel-billed toucan; guest scans the treetops for birdlife. This page: Waterfall hikes at Mayflower-Bocawina N.P.; Barrier Reef coral.



# THE PERFECT PLATFORM FOR EXPLORING

*National Geographic Quest* gives you rare access to the turquoise lagoons and white-sand beaches of the Mesoamerican Reef. She is equipped with a fleet of onboard tools—snorkel gear for every guest, Zodiacs, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards—so you can experience this vibrant habitat up close and











opportunities to explore by snorkel, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard. For scuba divers, there are incredible dive opportunities (additional cost). (B,L,D)

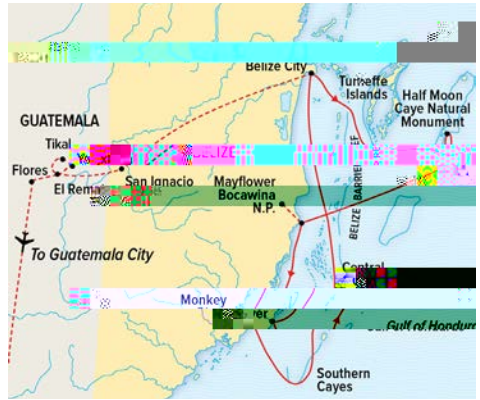
**DAY 5: BELIZE BARRIER REEF**

Our second straight day on the reef brings us into the central cayes where we anchor close and go snorkeling, paddleboarding, diving, or kayaking inside the fringing reef. Coral patches dot the shallow lagoon, harboring parrotfish, butterflyfish, octopus, and other marine species. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: BELIZE CITY/DISEMBARK**

Return to Belize City overnight and disembark after breakfast to transfer to the international airport for your flight home. Or continue on our land excursion to Tikal and Yaxhá. (B)

Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

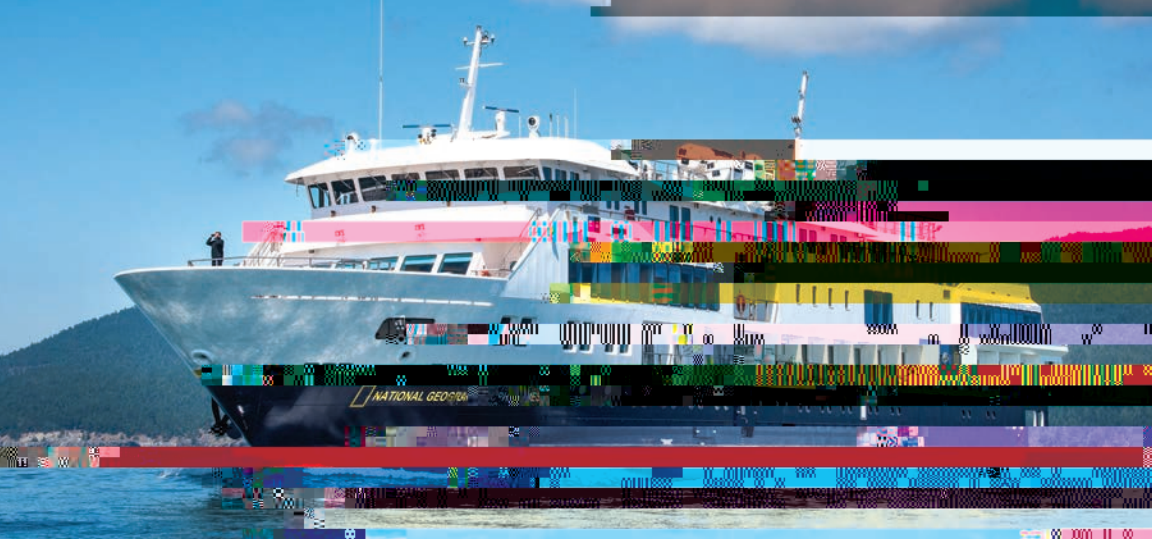


## BELIZE TO TIKAL: REEFS, RIVERS & RUINS OF THE MAYA WORLD

### 9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST* + LAND EXCURSION

The expedition continues inside the Maya Biosphere Reserve—which is twice the size of Yellowstone National Park. Journey deep into the jungles of Guatemala led by a local guide to discover the spectacular Mayan temples and pyramids of both Tikal and Yaxhá and see over 400 bird species as well as monkeys.

**DAYS 1-5:**



## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

**CAPACITY:** 50 cabins accommodating 100 guests.

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

*National Geographic Quest* is designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A, offering the best in comfort and style.

**PUBLIC AREAS:**



# INCLUSIVE PRICING

- › All meals as indicated in the itinerary
- › Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, including 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda on demand
- › Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits. \*Super premium wines and liquors are available for purchase.
- › Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during lounge recap
- › All excursions
- › Exploration tools curated to your destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and a full complement of snorkeling equipment
- › Lectures and presentations
- › The guidance and expertise of our expedition staff
- › Accommodations on land as indicated in itinerary
- › Special access permits, park fees, and port taxes
- › The services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic (where available)
- › Transfers to and from designated flights
- › Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to fitness center
- › Fully stocked library
- › Refillable water bottle

# SPECIAL OFFERS

**\$700 AIR CREDIT:** Book by June 30, 2023. Receive \$700 per person air credit, deducted from cabin fare prior to any additional applicable savings. Valid on this departure date. New bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on extensions. Call for details.

**MILESTONE CELEBRATION PACKAGE:** Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, etc., with your group of eight or more, and receive 5% off, a \$150 shipboard credit for the spa or champagne, a complimentary group photo, and more. Milestone celebration must be communicated at time of booking. Milestone amenity package is one per group, intended for the guest celebrating the Milestone event. Group discount is applicable to cruise portion only, and does not apply towards additional services such as hotels, extensions, airfare, etc. Group cancellation terms also apply. Not combinable with certain offers.

**BRING THE KIDS:** Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**WILD BELIZE ESCAPE COSTS INCLUDE:** All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, spirits, and cocktails (with super premium wines and liquors available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, snorkeling equipment (including wetsuits, masks, and fins); guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by a certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

**BELIZE TO TIKAL COSTS INCLUDE:** All inclusions for Belize portion as noted above; three hotel nights in Tikal; meals on land as indicated with non-alcoholic beverages; gratuities to local guides in Tikal; ground transportation Belize City/El Remate/Flores.

**NOT INCLUDED:** International air transportation; meals not indicated; extensions; scuba diving fees; passport, visa, immigration fees; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages (on the Tikal portion) or certain super premium brands while onboard; Wi-Fi, and laundry. Gratuities to ship's crew at your discretion.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will 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 required at the time of reservation and is payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Payment is due 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:** Because the cancellation policies outlined below are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance for your protection. Upon receiving your reservation, Bryn Mawr College will send you information on coverage options.

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

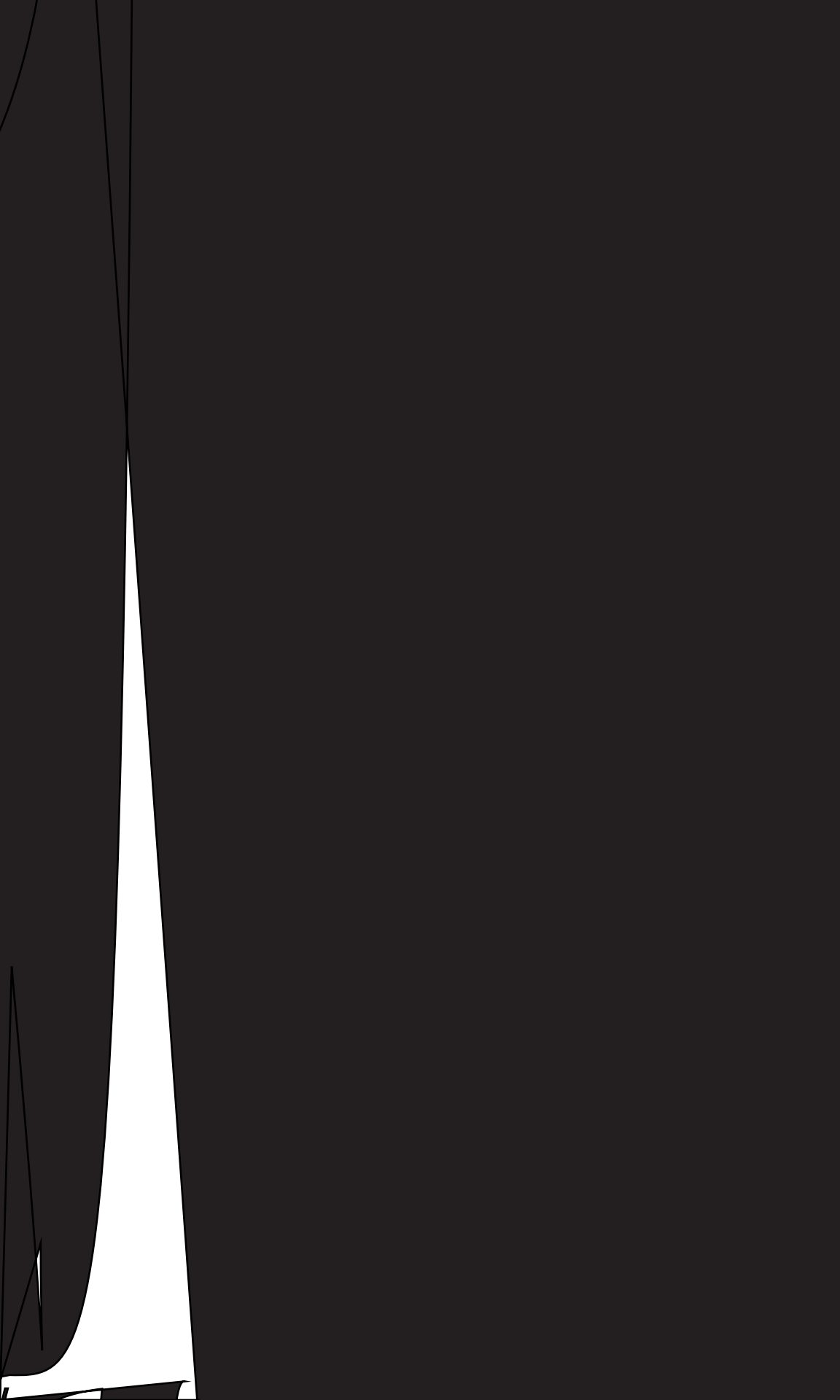
**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** All guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy 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.

**N:** 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.

CANCELLATION POLICY	
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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***

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