

Coastal ferry conversion to cruise ship

In 2007, expedition cruise pioneer Lindblad Explorations purchased the Norwegian ferry Lyngen and proceeded to convert the vessel to a 148-passenger cruise ship. Renamed NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER, this is Lindblad's biggest ship and it has been sailing, on some truly remarkable itineraries since it was relaunched at Astican shipyard (2008) in the Canary Islands. The ship now has an ice-strengthened hull and makes seasonal voyages into the Arctic and Antarctic.

Alan carried out a portion of the detail design work, on-site at the shipyard, together with a number of other engineers from Sweden, Norway, Spain, Monaco, and USA.truly a diverse, international team which Lindblad brought together.



Conversion underway 2007 at Astican shipyard, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain



Extensively rebuilt as NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER