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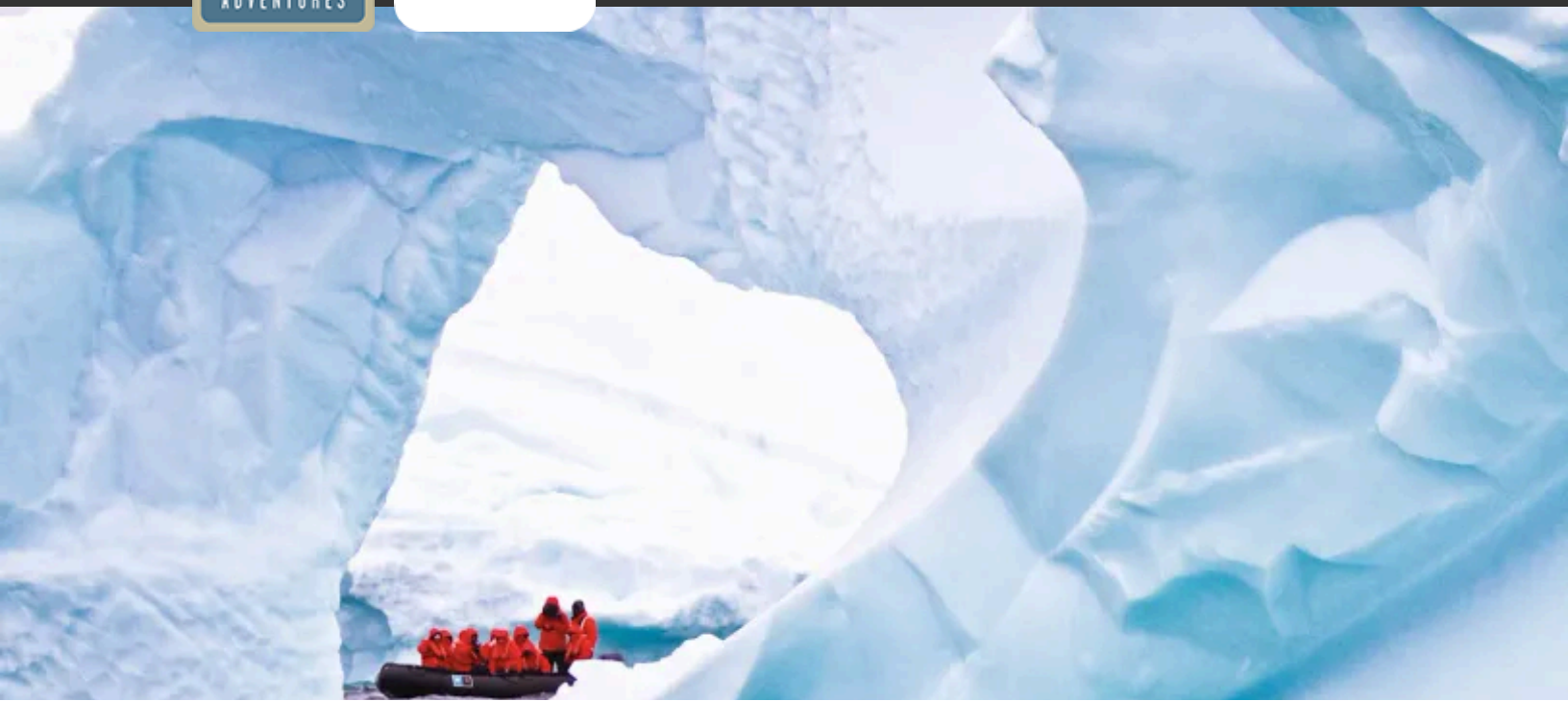


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Trip Details:

Days
8 Days / Nov–Feb

Price
From \$12400

Physical Requirements
Easy to Moderate

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Experience the wild grandeur of Antarctica efficiently aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*. Cruise the Drake Passage one way and fly the other, maximizing your time on the White Continent. Explore channels framed by towering peaks, zip around icebergs on Zodiacs, and encounter whales, elephant seals and vast penguin colonies. Choose among active adventures like hiking and kayaking, then relax in comfort on our well-appointed expedition ship. With a National Geographic Photography Expert on board, capture stunning images as you learn from the best. This virtually untouched wilderness, first sighted by humans in 1820, is now readily accessible, yet you'll still feel the same exhilaration that captivated the likes of Shackleton and Amundsen. Witness colossal icebergs, observe wildlife in its natural habitat, and bask in the endless light of the austral summer. Antarctica's pristine wonders beckon, offering an unparalleled adventure you won't find anywhere else on Earth.

Trip Highlights

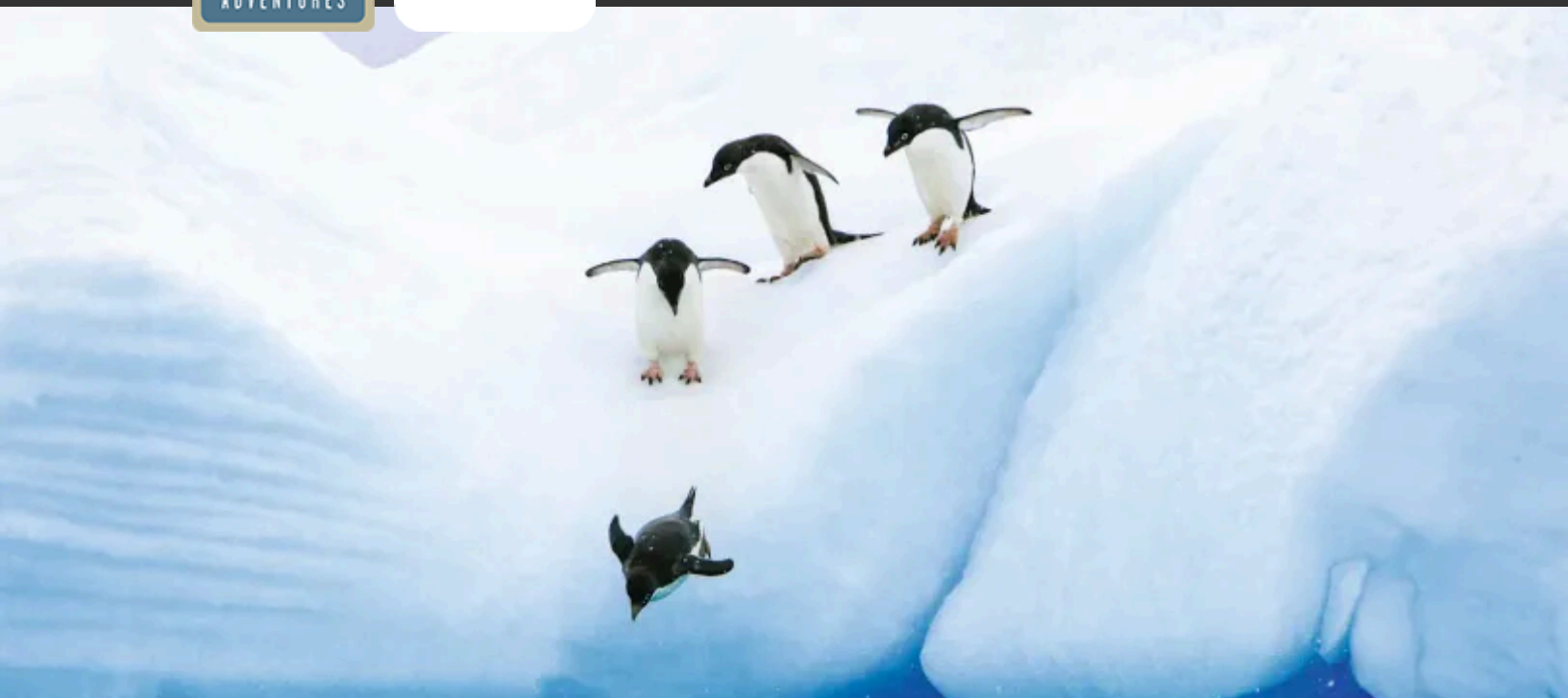
Skip all or part of the Drake Passage with either short flights—ideal for those with limited time and a tendency toward seasickness.

Experience the utmost comfort while exploring Antarctica's untamed wilderness aboard the *National Geographic Explorer*.

On-board experts deepen the adventure with their specialized and intimate knowledge of Antarctica, offering an unparalleled level of interpretation and guidance.



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Sail-Fly Itinerary

Experience all elements of a classic Antarctic adventure, with a one-way cruise through the Drake Passage, cruising around the White Continent on the *National Geographic Explorer* and a swift 2-hour flight return at the adventure's end.



Fly-Fly Itinerary

An in-depth Antarctic exploration aboard the *National Geographic Orion*. Fly directly from South America, navigate rugged shores, kayak among icebergs, hike beneath icy summits, and encounter wildlife for an unforgettable adventure in Antarctica's icy wilds.



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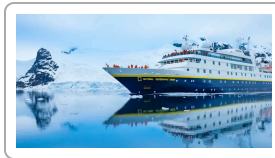
Accommodation Details:

- National Geographic Orion
- National Geographic Explorer

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/antarctica-direct/ships

Antarctica Direct: Fly the Drake Passage Accommodations

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National Geographic Orion

Among the most sophisticated ships in its class, with the highest sustainable marine environmental practices, *Orion's* luxurious accommodations and recreational tools treat 100 guests to 5-star comfort.



National Geographic Explorer

The newly renovated ice-class polar expedition vessel accommodates 148 guests in 81 outside cabins, all with private facilities, plus the most innovative tools for exploration above and below the sea.



Sail with the World Leader in Conservation-Focused Small Ship Cruising

We're proud to offer a worldwide slate of Expedition Cruises through our partner, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions. Nat Hab joined forces with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions in 2016 to expand our mutual collection of nature adventures. Founded in 1958 by Lars-Eric Lindblad, the company pioneered eco-conscious expeditions for "citizen explorers" and today is the world leader in conservation-focused small-ship cruises. Our Adventure Specialists are intimately familiar with the ships and itineraries and are on call to answer any questions you might have.

1

Small Ships Assure Closer Nature Encounters

Meaningful nature adventures can't happen in big crowds. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions' ships offer an exhilarating, up-close experience of the southern ice and the abundant wildlife of Antarctica. Their small size makes them nimble enough to access protected coves and channels that big ships can't reach, while full stabilization and state-of-the-art technology make them exceptionally safe. The ship you sail aboard will depend upon the itinerary and departure you choose. Each polar vessel offers personal access to naturalists, lecturers, staff and crew.

2

Benefit from Decades of Expertise

This is a genuine expedition-style experience aboard an authentic expedition ship with a seasoned polar adventure team. Pioneers in opening Antarctica to civilian travelers in 1966, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions draws upon more than a half-century of experience navigating polar seas, assuring safe passage in one of Earth's wildest settings. You'll benefit from traveling with a company whose stellar reputation has been carefully earned over decades.

3

Multiple Tools for Immersive Expedition Travel

A fleet of 13 Zodiacs and 32 double kayaks facilitate close-up exploration of Antarctica's icy landscapes and abundant wildlife. Come eye level with penguins, leopard seals, marine mammals and floating ice along the bays and coastlines of the Antarctic Peninsula. A mobile platform enables fast, safe deployment of kayaks within minutes of finding an anchorage. Led by veteran Expedition Leaders, hikes and activities on shore are offered at a variety of physical exertion levels. A remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) and undersea interpretive specialist give passengers a rare opportunity to view Antarctica's seldom-seen underwater world. An onboard National Geographic-certified photography instructor helps you get your best shots.



4

See the Undersea

Unique to National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions, each voyage includes an undersea specialist who suits up for polar waters, dives to capture vivid HD video footage, and shares it on plasma screens in the ship's lounge. Going even deeper, the ship's hydrophone lets passengers listen in on whales while a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) capable of exploring depths up to 1,000 feet films the places where no diver can go. The ROV and polar dives provide a rare journey into the virtually unknown Antarctic undersea, while you enjoy the underwater expedition from a warm and dry spot on board. For the bird's eye view, a remote-controlled crow's nest camera broadcasts real-time footage on individual cabin video screens.

5

Sail with Top Experts Who Specialize in Antarctica

Explore Antarctica with a passionate team of experts whose knowledge will enhance your adventure and your understanding of our polar environs. Travel with an Expedition Leader, eight veteran naturalists, a National Geographic-certified photographer, an undersea specialist, expert guest speakers, a video chronicler and a wellness specialist. Your guide team specializes in Antarctica, from wildlife biologists to ornithologists, marine scientists and polar historians.

6

We're Committed to the Planet

Natural Habitat Adventures is a standard-setter in eco-conscious travel. We were the world's first 100% carbon-neutral travel company. And we continue to break innovative ground in adopting practices that help to protect our global environment. Because of our concern for the environment, we are pleased to partner with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions for our Expedition Cruises, a company that shares our values and commitment to the planet.

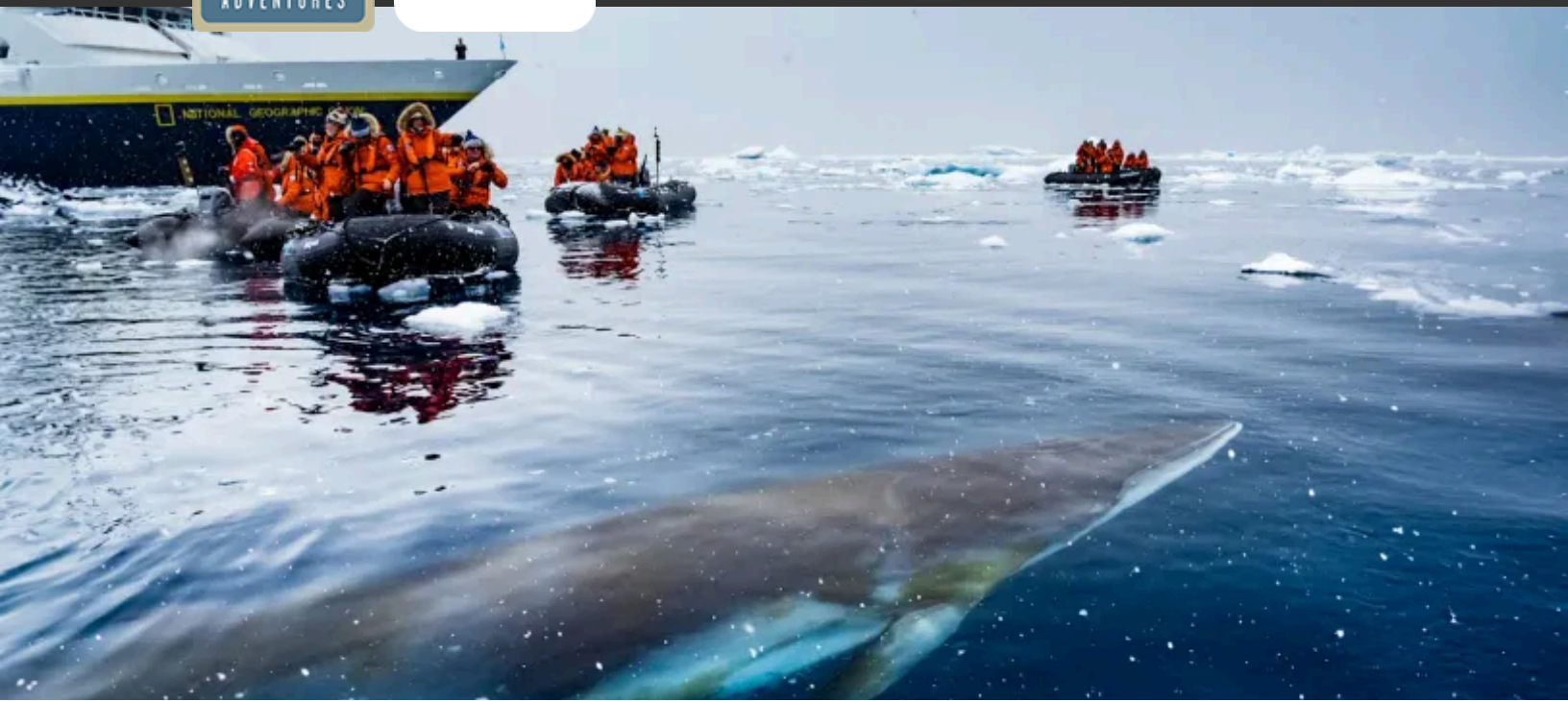
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Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our environmental commitment and the outstanding quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund has chosen Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation we're very proud of! When you book your National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions cruise with us, a portion of your trip fee supports WWF.



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$12400

Group Size:
Limited to 148
Travelers

Physical Requirements:
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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Nov 18, 2026	Nov 27, 2026	From \$15156 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Nov 25, 2026	Dec 2, 2026	From \$12611 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Nov 30, 2026	Dec 7, 2026	From \$15210 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dec 7, 2026	Dec 16, 2026	From \$16981 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer



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Departure	Return	Notes
Dec 14, 2026	Dec 21, 2026	From \$15589 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dec 19, 2026	Dec 26, 2026	From \$13840 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dec 26, 2026	Jan 4, 2027	From \$20512 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 2, 2027	Jan 9, 2027	From \$19964 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Jan 14, 2027	Jan 23, 2027	From \$19435 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Jan 21, 2027	Jan 28, 2027	From \$19964 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Feb 2, 2027	Feb 11, 2027	From \$19872 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Feb 9, 2027	Feb 16, 2027	From \$19964 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Feb 14, 2027	Feb 21, 2027	From \$13489 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer



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Departure	Return	Notes
Nov 26, 2027	Dec 3, 2027	From \$12400 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dec 8, 2027	Dec 17, 2027	From \$12912 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dec 15, 2027	Dec 22, 2027	From \$12600 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Dec 20, 2027	Dec 29, 2027	From \$14336 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer

2028 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jan 3, 2028	Jan 10, 2028	From \$15500 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Jan 22, 2028	Jan 29, 2028	From \$15500 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Feb 10, 2028	Feb 17, 2028	From \$14750 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer
Feb 29, 2028	Mar 7, 2028	From \$13680 USD (+internal air) Aboard National Geographic Explorer



Pricing

See <https://nathab.com/antarctica-and-arctic/antarctica-direct/dates-fees> for the latest pricing details.

Included

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are 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; crew gratuities; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs and kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the National Geographic Photography Expert and National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions 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.

Not Included

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Physical Requirements

You must be able to walk unassisted for a minimum of one mile over rough and uneven terrain including rocky beaches, ice and snow (in knee-high rubber boots), in order to join this expedition cruise. To participate in excursions ashore, you will need to walk down steep stairs and climb into and out of inflatable Zodiacs, which can sometimes feel unstable depending on water conditions. Travel via Zodiac occurs over variable conditions and can sometimes be quite bumpy. If it's windy, you may get wet from sea spray. Travelers with back problems or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions should take this into consideration. Travelers must be prepared for any type of weather, including extreme conditions. Daytime highs typically range from 30°F – 40°F on the Antarctic Peninsula, but can drop well below freezing with high winds and wind chill. Nighttime temperatures may drop into the low 20s. Sea conditions during the Drake Passage crossing, which typically lasts two days, can be extremely rough, potentially causing issues for those who are sensitive to motion sickness, and can make for unsteady walking around the ship. We recommend discussing medications with your personal physician if you are prone to motion sickness.

Important Information About This Trip

Due to the extremely remote nature of this adventure, National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions requires that all travelers submit a medical form before departure. This form must be completed and signed by your primary care physician.



Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.



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