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8 Sea Kayaking Adventures from Around the World

This ongoing project from writer and adventurer Jon Bowermaster includes a series of expeditions to explore the world's oceans from the seat of a sea kayak. Used as both transportation and as floating ambassadors, sea kayaks allow Jon and his teams – comprised of some of the world's best photographers, filmmakers, scientists and navigators – to reach corners of the world rarely seen. The goal of each expedition is adventure and education through exploration of local cultures, histories, environmental issues and the future of these varied regions. Supported by the National Geographic Expeditions Council, the expeditions have taken Jon to the heart of the Aleutian Islands, through the Tuamotu Atolls in French Polynesia, across the high plains of Bolivia, Chile and Argentina, up the wild coastline of Gabon in West Africa, along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, and around the rugged shores of the Australian island of Tasmania.



Jon Bowermaster

Writer, Adventurer, Filmmaker

For 20 years, writer and filmmaker Jon Bowermaster has explored the exotic corners of the world for a variety of national and international publications, ranging from *National Geographic* to the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Atlantic Monthly* to *Outside*. He has written eight books, three with renowned polar explorer Will Steger. His travels have taken him to seven continents and included two-person sledging across Antarctica, sailing a 60-foot sailboat across the Atlantic, and first descents of rivers from Chile to China.

Jon's exciting *Oceans 8* project is a series of expeditions launched to explore the world's oceans from the seat of a sea kayak. Used as both transportation and as floating ambassadors, sea kayaks allow Bowermaster and his teams – comprised of some of the world's top photographers, filmmakers, scientists and navigators and sponsored by six grants from the National Geographic Expeditions Council – to reach corners of the world rarely seen. The goal of each expedition is adventure crossed with exploration of local cultures, histories, environmental issues and the future of these varied regions. When not on the road, he lives in Stone Ridge, NY.

Birthplace of the Winds

Sea Kayaking Alaska

A long journey by truck, ferry and fishing boat delivered us to one of the loneliest spots on Earth, where the Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea collide, at what the Aleuts called the *Birthplace of the Winds*.



The Dangerous Archipelago

Sea Kayaking French Polynesia

The Tuamotus, one of five French Polynesian archipelagos, are a 1,000-mile-long chain of coral reef atolls afloat in the heart of the South Pacific. Known for black pearls and sharks and a reputation for being paradise on Earth, we kayaked among them for five weeks.

Into the Altiplano 1 & 2

Sea Kayaking Argentina, Bolivia & Chile

We went to South America's Altiplano, the mountainous desert region crossing the borders of Chile, Argentina and Bolivia, with sea kayakers looking for water in the driest place on earth.

The Lost Coast of Gabon

Sea Kayaking West Africa

We made an exhausting and exhilarating circumnavigation of Gabon's jewel of a national park, Loango. Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and stretching 40 miles into the jungled interior, we kayaked and portaged more than 200 miles around the park's perimeter, seeing this wild country from a new and different perspective.

A Slow Boat to Somewhere

Exploring French Polynesia

Ride along on a rustic, and rusting, Polynesian cargo boat as it makes deliveries to 21 of the globe's most isolated coral reef atolls in the heart of the South Pacific Ocean.



Borderland

Sea Kayaking Croatia

Croatia is Borderland. Our goal was to kayak its length, through the 1,246 islands lying like marbles atop what astronauts claim is the bluest sea on the planet, the Adriatic.

Around Tasmania

Sea Kayaking Australia

Drawn by its mysterious history and wild and rugged shores, the remote and little-known Australian island of Tasmania proved to be perfect coastline for us to explore by kayak, stopping along the 600-mile route to visit with fishermen and historians, sailors and aboriginals.

