

ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE EXPEDITION CRUISE

Do more than just see Alaska--be an active participant in all that it has to offer. Voyage into majestic fjords, come face to face with glaciers, and kayak along the coast in search of marine life. Learn about whale behavior and watch for breaching and spy-hopping humpbacks and orcas. Enjoy a full day immersed in the beauty of Glacier Bay National Park.



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DAY 1: Juneau, Alaska/Embark Ship

Arrive in Juneau, Alaska's capital--one of only two U.S. capital cities not accessible by car, it lies at the base of the picturesque Mt. Roberts.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 3:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Juneau, Alaska

Meals Included: Dinner

DAY 2: Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness

Explore the wild and remote areas of southeast Alaska by special use permit





with the Tongass National Forest.

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises and arctic terns.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3: Petersburg

Visit the small, true Alaska fishing town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island, which still retains much of its Norwegian heritage. Explore a unique Southeast Alaska ecosystem, the muskeg, with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity to stretch your legs with an optional bike ride around town. This evening, enjoy a crab feast.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait

These waters are prime areas for both orca and humpback whales. With luck, guests may observe their fascinating behavior--breaching, tail-slapping and variations on feeding--as you listen to the play-by-play from your expert naturalists. Explore spectacular bays and inlets, following bear trails and salmon streams. Once ashore, you'll have the opportunity to walk along a quiet forest trail. The still waters are excellent for kayaking, offering another option for up-close exploration.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5: Icy Strait and the Inian Islands

Explore among the Inian Islands, a busy feeding ground for myriad wildlife species, including Steller sea lions and sea otters. Search for marine mammals in the nutrient-rich waters of Icy Strait and choose the perfect spot around Chichagof Island to hike where sightings of bald eagles are common.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6: Glacier Bay National Park

Spend the entire day amid the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of Glacier Bay National Park. Witness glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them calving, when tons of ice separate and crash into the water accompanied by a thunderous sound. Mountain goats scaling the peaks, as well as harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins, are some of the creatures you may observe. A visit to Tidal Inlet may bring the sight of brown bears lumbering up the hillside.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7: Southeast Alaska's Islands, Bays and Fjords

Today, nature is your guide as you set forth with the flexibility to take advantage of wildlife and weather conditions. You might stop at an isolated beach to take a closer look at tide pools, beachcomb and hike stunning forest trails. Keep an eye out for old bear tracks worn into the soil as you move from forest to meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are common. If conditions permit, you'll have the opportunity to do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8: Sitka/Disembark Ship

Disembark in Sitka and transfer to the airport for flights home.

Departure Time: After 10:30 a.m. local time.

Departure City: Sitka, Alaska

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please Note:

All day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.





YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC QUEST

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VESSEL TYPE: Expedition Ship

LENGTH: 72 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 100 guests (in 50 cabins)

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 2017

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.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness centre; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our 'open bridge' provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfast is a wide selection buffet and dinner is served family-style. Menu emphasises local fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Some cabins have balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Expedition landing craft, a fleet of 24 kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splashcam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkelling gear for all guests (where applicable).

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, elevator, National Geographic certified photo instructor, a video chronicler and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.

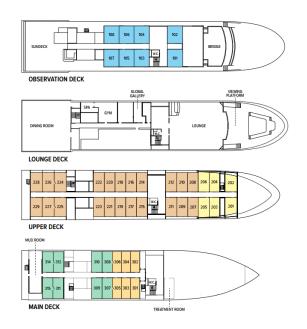


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