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Exclusive Yacht Adventures™

Discoverers' Glacier Country

8 Days, 7 Nights

Juneau Roundtrip

Day 1 (Fri.) Juneau, Alaska – Embarkation

Upon arrival you will be transferred from the airport to board the yacht. Your crew greets you with champagne and smiles, and we'll cruise to a secluded wilderness anchorage this evening.

Days 2-3 (Sat./Sun.) Glacier Bay National Park

Over the two days in the park we'll travel nearly 60 miles cruising up-bay to Grand Pacific and Margerie Glaciers, which frequently calve huge icebergs into the bay. If conditions permit, we'll lower the inflatable and weave among the icebergs that have fallen from the face of the glaciers. Enjoy evenings at anchor in hidden coves, and mornings paddling your kayak in the quiet of this majestic wilderness. And what will we find? Here in the bay there are puffins and sea lions, mountain goats and bears, moose, eagles, and scenery more spectacular than any place on earth. Glacier Bay is at its best when explored by small groups on a nimble yacht over the course of two days to hike and kayak inside the bay and wilderness areas.

Day 4 (Mon.) Icy Strait

During today's ultimate day of exploration, there's no agenda to follow except to experience every moment scouring the nutrient-rich waters in search for humpbacks, porpoise, sea lions and other wildlife. Marvel at the grand scenery of the Alaskan wilderness as the crew expertly guides you through those "not in the guide book" areas that only the locals know. Join the Captain on the bridge or out on deck in search for marine mammals. Late afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to drop the skiffs and kayaks to further explore the shoreline of a remote bay. The afternoon and evening will be spent at Point Adolphus, Alaska's most famous humpback whale feeding area. Be on the watch for the telltale blow of humpback whales as we cruise through Icy Strait. Before retiring for the evening take in the wilderness solitude while relaxing in the upper deck hot tub or enjoy a nightcap with your fellow yachtmates in the salon.

Day 5 (Tues.) Frederick Sound & Sea Lions

Today you'll cruise around wilderness Admiralty Island to more prime humpbackviewing waters in Frederick Sound. We'll take time for skiff operations and sea kayaking in Saginaw Bay and cruise up-close to a sea lion colony at the Brothers Islands. Tonight you'll anchor in a remote and picturesque bay.

Day 6 (Wed.) Admiralty Island & Bears

Tuck into Gambier Bay, a large island-speckled body of water on the south coast of Admiralty Island National Monument. We'll drop the kayaks and launch the skiff for up-close exploration of this cool forested bay. Never logged—the thick evergreen forest crowds right down to the gravel beaches. Here is an outstanding opportunity to spot the huge brown or grizzly bears for which Admiralty Island is famous. At low tide they're right down on the beaches, seeking a shellfish supper. Once again under way, keep watch for humpback whales before anchoring at Wood Spit for more exploration by kayak and skiff.

Day 7 (Thurs.) Ford's Terror / Endicott Arm

Cliff-walled fjords sliced into the mountainous mainland are on tap today as you slip into an area widely acclaimed as the most beautiful in all of Alaska. Snow gleams on mountaintops high overhead as bears amble on the shoreline and mountain goats cling to impossibly precarious perches. Seemingly every few hundred yards another sparkling waterfall tumbles down the cliffs. Enjoy a skiff ride at Ford's Terror, named after an early mariner who was somewhat taken aback when a waterfall appeared at the turn of the tide where none had been visible at high tide. We'll anchor overnight at Taku Harbor to enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner in an utterly lovely setting.

Day 8 (Fri.) Juneau – Disembark

After breakfast we'll arrive in Juneau. A transfer to the Juneau airport or local hotel is included. Safe travels to all!