

Alaska Bound

Alaska & Canada Travel Specialists



Alaskan Dream Cruises

Alaska's Southeast Explorer

10 Nights 11 Days

Aboard the Alaskan Dream

Itinerary

Day 1

Sitka

You will board a deluxe tourboat, operated by our sister company Allen Marine Tours, for a "Sea Otter and Wildlife Quest" exploration of beautiful Sitka Sound. Home to marine mammals, Sitka Sound counts gray, humpback, and orca (killer) whales, sea otters, and Steller sea lions amongst the abundant wild life. You'll rendezvous with your ship near Peril Straits approximately 30 miles from Sitka, in the heart of the Alaskan wilderness. Once aboard, our crewmembers guide you to your cabin and invite you to gather in the forward lounge for a drink and welcome aboard hors d'oeuvres.

Day 2

Skagway

Today we visit this historic city and popular destination, which hosts about 100 buildings from the gold rush era. We'll board the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad for a historic and unique trip. Built in 1898, during the Klondike gold rush, this narrow gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

Day 3

Gustavus

Gustavus, formerly known as Strawberry Point, lies on the outwash plain created by the glaciers that once filled Glacier Bay. The native Tlingit and others used the area for fishing, berry picking, and other similar uses. We will enjoy a walking tour of the area and along the Salmon River which meanders through town.

Day 4

Glacier Bay

Explore magnificent Glacier Bay National Park, which features some of the wildest, most scenic country on earth. It is home to nearly half the tidewater glaciers in North America, over 200 species of birds, a resident pod of humpback whales, abundant black bears, grizzlies and mountain goats. A National Park Service Ranger leads our programming for the day and a Native Huna Tlingit interpretive naturalist joins us to reveal traditional ties to this ancient treasure.

Day 5

Juneau

Juneau may be the most scenic setting of any state capital in America, only accessible by boat or plane. First we visit the famous Mendenhall Glacier, an ice field the size of the state of Connecticut. Next we ride the Mount Roberts Tram which soars above Juneau's downtown area to hiking trails and views of the harbor and surrounding mountains.

We'll depart Juneau for a short cruise to Colt Island, and go ashore for a grilled wild Alaska salmon demonstration and dinner followed by a walking tour of our vegetable garden at the exclusive Orca Point Lodge; a lovely day lodge secluded far from the bustle of Juneau.

Following dinner, stroll along the beach, learn about intertidal critters at our custom built touch-tank aquarium, browse the gift shop for locally produced curios, or simply relax on the deck with a beverage and enjoy an Alaskan sunset over the spectacular snow capped mountains of the Chilkat Peninsula.

Day 6

Hobart Bay & Tracy Arm

Enjoy exclusive access to Hobart Bay, our own wilderness special adventure base camp, built especially for guests of Alaskan Dream Cruises. The camp is outfitted with sea kayaks, small outboard driven Zego runabouts, and ATVs to ride the old logging roads through the lush coastal rainforest providing vistas of the surrounding areas. Also, experience an over-night camping excursion at one of our tented areas of Hobart Bay. Each of these Alaskan lifestyle activities you will be accompanied by your Expedition Leader and crew.

Day 7

Petersburg

Petersburg is a fishing town established by Norwegian fishermen in the late 1800's. At the Sons of Norway Hall, enjoy a Norwegian Folk Dance show performed by Petersburg's children. You will have time on your own to take a short walk to Eagle Park, explore Sing Lee Alley, or shop downtown.

Day 8

Wrangell

We will visit the rural community of Wrangell, located in the heart of the Tongass National Forest. Take a jet boat tour of the Stikine River, the fastest navigable free-flowing river left in North America. The area is home to moose, deer, brown and black bear, beaver, hundreds of bald eagles and many other species.

Day 9**Thorne Bay**

Thorne Bay was once one of the largest logging camps in the world. We will venture on a gentle hike through the Tongass National Forest to view totems and local petroglyphs.

Day 10**Misty Fjord**

We will explore the pristine beauty of Misty Fjord. Along the way you'll stop to view an active bald eagle's nest, a Tlingit pictograph, and New Eddystone Rock; an immense volcanic spire rising from the emerald sea. We will learn the natural history of the fjords, listen to the call of nesting seabirds, and feel the mist of glistening waterfalls while gliding quietly beneath 3,000-foot glacier-sculpted cliffs.

Day 11**Ketchikan**

The community is comprised of three islands, Revillagigedo, Gravina and Pennock and transportation between them requires a boat or ferry ride across the Tongass Narrows. One of "America's Top 100 small arts communities" Ketchikan's impressive variety of shops and galleries feature work by many of the island's resident artists and an assortment of souvenir items and unique gifts that make shopping in this community a must do for any traveler.