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InnerSea Discoveries

Alaska's Inside Passage: Inner Reaches "Western Coves"

8 days 7 nights
Ketchikan to Juneau

Pristine wilderness, mind-blowing natural wonder, humpback whales, and untamed wildlife explode your senses. Hike "wild and woolly" places ("skookum" to the locals) and dramatic waterfall coasts. Kayak along shore looking for bears and near 10,000-year-old glaciers. Explore three wilderness areas and learn the stories of the totem. Change the way you see the world on an InnerSea Discoveries adventure.

Day 1

Ketchikan — Embark

Welcome aboard! Meet your crew, get settled in, and keep watch for eagles as we cruise through the Tongass Narrows out of Ketchikan.

Day 2

Tongass National Forest / El Capitan Passage

Wake in El Capitan Passage surrounded by breathtaking Tongass National Forest—the largest national forest in the US. Take a "wild" Alaska hike winding through high forest on an old logging trail. Trek up to El Capitan Cave, where 400,000-year-old bones have been found. And cap off your day noshing on locally harvested oysters as a resident family tells of life in the Alaskan outback.

Day 3

Klawock Native Village

Discover living history in Klawock—one of the most authentic Tlingit villages in Alaska. Learn the importance of carving, gaze up at totem poles coloring the town, and hear their stories. Visit the carvers' shed where the art of carving and restoring totems is passed on. Explore the area on foot keeping an eye out for bears, eagles, sea birds, and whales.

Day 4

Baranof Island / Port Walter

An active day is in store on the smallest of Alaska's ABC islands. Take to the water kayaking, snorkeling, and riding the skiff. Or push your limits with a rigorous hike in Alaska's back reaches on wilderness trails. Along the southeastern side of Baranof Island, explore the former herring community of Port Walter, the rainiest place in all of Alaska, or hike to a mountain lake.

Day 5

Patterson Bay

Lush forest, spectacular views, 4000-foot vertical walls, and 2000-foot waterfalls highlight Baranof Island's waterfall coast. Slip into the waters of Patterson Bay to explore by skiff or paddle a kayak keeping watch along the coastline for birds, wolves, and black bears. Gear up for snorkeling or guided hikes. This evening, toast another day of amazing adventure with a cold microbrew or cocktail.

Day 6

The Brothers Islands / Frederick Sound

There'll be plenty of wildlife viewing today. The Brothers, a pair of islands in Frederick Sound, are home to some of Alaska's most abundant wildlife and the area is the summer feeding ground for the largest concentration of humpback whales in the northern hemisphere. Keep watch for frolicking orca, humpbacks, and sea lions. Tonight, anchor in Holkham Bay and listen for the song of the whales.

Day 7

Endicott Arm / Ford's Terror Wilderness

Snow covered mountains, glowing blues, and the white thunder of calving ice take your breath away at the face of Dawes Glacier. As you glide through Endicott Arm you'll likely find a few seals taking respite on the glaciers smaller "bergy bits." Tides permitting, explore the narrow passage of Ford's Terror and admire the magnificent domes, hanging valleys, and pristine wilderness that surround it. Join the Captain for a farewell toast during dinner.

Day 8

Juneau — Disembark

Bid adieu to new found friends over breakfast before disembarking the ship. Transfer directly to the Juneau airport or begin your add-on overnight stay or extended land tour.

Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and will change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters. Variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur.

