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InnerSea Discoveries.

Wilderness Passages of Discovery

15 days 14 nights
Seattle to Juneau or Reverse

Untamed wildlife, stories of the totem, dramatic waterfalls, and deep fjords are highlights along the 900 nautical miles between Seattle and Juneau. Hike Alaskan island outback and kayak among glaciers and along shore looking for wildlife. The whales have arrived, crowds are fewer, and nature has awakened—it's the perfect time of year.

Northbound Itinerary – Seattle to Juneau

Day 1

Seattle, Washington — Embark

Sail from Fishermen's Terminal, through the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, and on to Deception Pass—a dramatic and narrow cut between two islands.

Day 2

San Juan Islands / Friday Harbor

Forested islands dot the seascape of this yachter's paradise. We'll "gunhole" close to shore by skiff or kayak. Explore quaint Friday Harbor and its fascinating Whale Museum. Keep watch for the resident orca pods.

Day 3

San Juan Islands / Friday Harbor

Spend another day weaving through the islands of Washington state before entering Canadian waters.

Day 4

Canada's Inside Passage

Intricate waterways and fjords alongside temperate rainforests and mountains are ideal for sightings of orca, seals, sea lions, dolphins, porpoise, and birds. Native influences have shaped these sparsely-populated islands and communities.

Day 5**Canada's Inside Passage**

Keep your eye out for orcas and other wildlife as you make your way north through Canada's Inside Passage.

Day 6**Canada's Inside Passage**

Pass the ghost town of Butedale, on British Columbia's Princess Royal Island, before reaching Prince Rupert, BC and again crossing the US/Canadian border.

Day 7**Misty Fjords National Monument, Alaska**

Home to nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska—glacial valleys filled with sea water, and steep walls are a haven for wildlife. Glide through Walker Cove soaking in the splendor of this largely forgotten corner of the world.

Day 8**Ketchikan**

Alaska's southernmost city and "salmon capital of the world" also claims fame to having the world's largest collection of standing totem poles. Explore the Saxman Totem Village, Tlingit culture, and the notorious Creek Street, once a red-light district. Watch for eagles as we cruise out of Ketchikan.

Day 9**El Capitan Passage**

Get closer to nature in El Capitan Passage. Hike through high forest on an old logging trail or trek to El Capitan Cave. Stop at Marble Island for freshly harvested oysters and fish from a local family.

Day 10**Klawock Native Village**

Discover living history in Klawock—one of Alaska's most authentic Tlingit villages. Locals share stories and the importance of carving in Alaskan culture. Visit the carvers' shed where the art of carving and restoring totems is passed on to the local youth.

Day 11**Baranof Island / Port Walter**

On the smallest of Alaska's ABC islands, take to the water kayaking, snorkeling, or riding the skiff. Push your limits with a rigorous hike in Alaska's back reaches and explore Port Walter, the rainiest place in all of Alaska.

Day 12**Patterson Bay**

Explore Patterson Bay by skiff or kayak, watch the coastline for wildlife, or enjoy a guided hike in the Tongass National Forest.

Day 13**The Brothers Islands / Frederick Sound**

Barking sea lions frolic during guided kayaking and skiff tours on the southern end of the island. Sail into Frederick Sound—the summer feeding ground for humpback whales.

Day 14**Endicott Arm / Ford's Terror Wilderness**

Be awed by blue ice and the white thunder of calving ice at Dawes Glacier. Tides permitting, explore the narrow passage of Ford's Terror to admire magnificent domes, hanging valleys, and pristine wilderness. Join the Captain in a farewell toast this evening.

Day 15**Juneau — Disembark**

Disembark the ship after breakfast. 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.