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Alaska Ferry Vacations 15 Day Glaciers & Wildlife

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel Arrangements starting at US\$4,775.00 per person for Double Occupancy

Single, Triple and Quad Occupancy rates available upon request

Ask about the 12 Day version of this tour!

2019 Departures: Weekly on Fridays from May 31 to August 23

Friday, Day 1

Ferry from Bellingham to Petersburg on The Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 06:00 p.m.

Ferry Arrival Time: Sunday Evening

Saturday/Sunday, Day 2 and 3 – Canada and Alaska’s Inside Passage with brief stops at Ketchikan and Wrangell

Sunday, Day 3

Petersburg



"Little Norway, Big Adventure"

At the north end of the Wrangell Narrows, a 22-mile channel that is only 300 feet wide and 19 feet deep in places, is Petersburg, the center of Norwegian culture in Alaska.

This community of roughly 3,000 is centered around its busy and scenic waterfront, which is lined with wharfs, working boats and weathered boathouses, while tidy homes and businesses – many decorated with distinctive flowery Norwegian rosemaling – line the quiet streets.

LeConte Glacier lies 25 miles east of Petersburg. Day cruises to view the glacier and flightseeing excursions over the glacier are popular. More adventurous travelers can join guided kayak trips to view the glacier and the seals that often gather on its icebergs. Closer to Petersburg, there are more opportunities to kayak, hike and rent public-use cabins.

One of the most popular activities in Petersburg is whale watching. From mid-May to mid-September humpback whales migrate through and feed in Frederick Sound, northwest of town. The peak feeding period is July and August when you also might spot Steller sea lions, orcas and seals.

Accommodation for 3 nights in Petersburg

Check in: Upon Arrival

Check out: Wednesday

Your hotel is located right downtown on Main Street in Petersburg. Complimentary transportation is included, both from the ferry terminal and airport as needed. It has 35 rooms in four stories with a coffee shop next to the comfortable lobby. A light continental breakfast is served for your enjoyment.

Monday, Day 4

Whalewatching

Departure time: 09:00 a.m. (Check in: 08:45 a.m.)

The Inside waters of Southeast Alaska are well protected from the weather and are incredibly rich with marine life. Frederick Sound is the summer home to a large humpback whale population, where they can be found feeding and playing from May through September. You may also experience killer whales, Dall's porpoise, Stellar sea lions, harbor seals, and bald eagles while on your tour. Snacks and beverages are included. Eight-hour tour with a beach stop to explore!



Tuesday, Day 5

Car Rental

Pick Up: 07:00 a.m.

Standard-size rental car from Scandia House to allow you to explore on your own. (Alternate transportation available.)

Stikine River Wilderness Day Tour

Departure time: 08:00 a.m. (Check in: 07:45 a.m.)

Return time: 01:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Day 6

Ferry from Petersburg to Juneau with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: Morning

Ferry Arrival Time: Early Evening

Juneau



Alaska's state capital is also one of its most beautiful cities and one of the most visited communities in the state. With so much to see and do, there's certain to be something for you in Juneau.

For many, the best way to experience the area is the most affordable — on foot. Few cities in Alaska or elsewhere offer as many hiking trails as Juneau. Many wind to the face of a glacier or climb above the tree line, where you can overnight in a public-use cabin.

Juneau also offers access to some of the region's top attractions, including Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area and Admiralty Island National Monument.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Juneau

Check in: 02:00 p.m.

Check out: 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 2

You'll stay in a locally owned B & B close to the airport and ferry terminal.

Complimentary full breakfast is provided each morning of your stay.

Complimentary transfers from airport and ferry in addition to a free shuttle to town every two hours

Thursday, Day 7

Glacier View Sea Kayaking

Departure time: Morning

Glide silently through the water, get an up-close look at wildlife, and enjoy ever-changing views of the Mendenhall Glacier. Just off the shore of North Douglas Island, this sea kayaking location provides the perfect vantage point to take in the grandeur of the Juneau Ice Field. Climb in double kayaks and learn paddling techniques from your experienced guide before pushing off and enjoying an interpretive narrative as you paddle through the Mendenhall Wetlands.



Stealthily approach wildlife – bald eagles, herons, shorebirds and waterfowl can be seen. Keep an eye out for porpoises and even humpback whales that occasionally surface for air. Includes an Alaskan-style snack.

Friday, Day 8

Flight from Juneau to Gustavus

Flight Departure: 10:30 a.m. (Alternative times available)

Flight Arrival.: 11:30 p.m.

A short scenic plane flight to Gustavus, the Gateway to Glacier Bay National Park.

Gustavus and Glacier Bay



Located just a few miles from park headquarters, the town of Gustavus is the jumping-off point for adventures in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and a charming little village of artists, fantastic gardens, wild strawberries, stunning views and even a small golf course.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Gustavus with all meals

Check in: 11:30 a.m.

Check out: Sunday,

The main lobby is spacious and inviting with giant wood beams and cathedral ceilings. Relax in front of the fireplace in the view lounge area or visit the national park service s excellent interpretive displays upstairs on the mezzanine.

Saturday, Day 9

Glacier Bay Day Tour

Departure time: 07:00 a.m.

The Spectacular Glacier Bay Cruise

Spend the day on the waters of Glacier Bay and see magnificent tidewater glaciers, ancient snow-capped mountains, whales, Stellar sea lions, rare birds, coastal bears, seals, eagles and so much more! This 8-hour tour is fully narrated by a National Park Service interpreter. Lunch is included.



Sunday, Day 10

Flight from Gustavus to Sitka

Flight Departure: 06:35 a.m.

Flight Arrival.: 09:45 a.m.

Sitka



Sitka is the only Inside Passage community that fronts the Pacific Ocean, hugging Baranof Island's west shore in the shadow of the impressive Mount Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano with a graceful cone reminiscent of Japan's Mount Fuji.

Sitka offers superb hiking with trails that begin in the lush rainforest that surrounds the city and often end up high in the mountains. The Tongass National Forest can provide information and maps to more area trails for hiking and camping information.

For the nature lover, Sitka is home to a number of attractions that will amaze and educate visitors. These wildlife-oriented destinations include the Alaska Raptor Center and Fortress of the Bear. The Alaska Raptor Center rehabilitates injured birds and releases them back into the wild. The few who don't regain flight remain housed at the center and visible to guests. Fortress of the Bear features a three-quarter-acre habitat for orphaned brown bear cubs complete with covered viewing areas.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Sitka

Check in: 04:30 p.m.

Check out: 10:00 a.m.

Your hotel is conveniently located in downtown Sitka. Complimentary transfers included from the Airport.

Monday, Day 11

Wildlife Tour

Departure time: 09:00 a.m.

Discover Southeast Alaska's majestic landscape and wilderness by cruising Alaska style. Spend your time in Sitka embarking upon a personalized and exciting five-hour wildlife boat tour in which you will get to be up close to the magical creatures that are guaranteed to leave you in awe. Experience the smell of whale breath aboard your boat trip. Gaze at the famed puffins and laugh with the curious sea otters as you cruise by.



Tuesday, Day 12

Ferry from Sitka to Bellingham with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: Mid Afternoon

Ferry Arrival Time: 08:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9

Accommodation in a Two Berth (Upper and Lower) Outside Stateroom

Wednesday through Friday, Day 13-15

Intermediate Stops at Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan, along with travel through Canada's Inside Passage before arrival at Bellingham, Washington.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS ALASKA TOURS

A "**plan-to-go**" deposit may be required after initial consultation. Usually we spend up to an hour planning alternative options for you for free. Then we request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations are recommended as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit of \$500 per person or 50% of the total tour, whichever is greater is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and refunds: Deposits and other payments are non-refundable.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

Due to weather cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are non-refundable.

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