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## Alaska Ferry Vacations 7 Day Glacier Bay w/ Air

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### **Travel Arrangements starting at US\$2,050.00 per person for Double Occupancy**

Single, Triple and Quad Occupancy rates available upon request

**2019 Departures:** Weekly on Saturdays from May 24 to August 23

### **Day 1**

#### **Jet Flight from Seattle to Ketchikan**

Flight Departure: Mid-day

Flight Arrival: Early Afternoon

#### **Accommodation for 1 night in Ketchikan**

Check in: 07:00 p.m.

Check out: Day 2

Your hotel is a Ketchikan favorite, located right across the street from the Alaska Ferry Terminal. There's a Restaurant and Pub (6am until late) right on the property for your dining pleasure. There is a cozy fireplace, full cocktail service, beers on tap and an outside deck overlooking the Tongass Narrows. Complimentary shuttle is provided from the Airport Ferry. There's a guest laundry and free internet access, too.

The well-appointed guest rooms and suites offer everything the discerning guest could need. There is secure parking, a fitness center, and business center and premium cable TV with HBO.

## Ketchikan



Ketchikan is known as Alaska’s “first city” due to its location at the southern tip of the Inside Passage – it is the first city you reach as you cruise north, and for many visitors, their first introduction to the beauty and majesty of Alaska. The city is backed by forested slopes and distinctively shaped Deer Mountain and faces Tongass Narrows, a waterway humming with floatplanes, fishing boats, ferries and barges hauling freight to other Inside Passage ports.

Just 90 miles north of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Ketchikan hugs the bluffs that form the shoreline along the southwest corner of Revillagigedo Island. Stretching 31 miles long but never more than 10 blocks wide, Ketchikan is centered on Tongass Avenue. On one side of the avenue, many businesses and homes are built on stilts out over the water, while on the other side they cling to the steep slopes and often have winding wooden staircases leading to their doors.

The downtown area is the main commercial district and contains two large harbors, several cruise ship docks, and many of Ketchikan’s main attractions, including historic Creek Street, a boardwalk road built over Ketchikan Creek on pilings. The city center is best viewed from Ketchikan’s Waterfront Promenade that skirts the busy shoreline and is equipped with historical markers and whale-tail benches for visitors to rest and take in the view.

Ketchikan serves as the departure point for side trips to Prince of Wales Island, Annette Island, numerous bear viewing sites and the area’s most impressive attraction - Misty Fjords National Monument. This 3,570-square-mile wilderness is a natural mosaic of sea cliffs, steep fjords and rock walls jutting 3,000 feet straight out of the ocean. Trips into the monument, whether by tour boat, small airplane or kayak, provide wildlife sightings like seals, otters, bald eagles and whales.

## Day 2

### **Ferry from Ketchikan to Skagway with Alaska Marine Highway**

Ferry Departure Time: Mid Morning

Ferry Arrival Time: Mid afternoon

**Accommodation in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom\***

**\*Upgrade available to a Stateroom with two lower berths instead of bunk bed only**

## Day 3

### **Accommodation for 1 night in Skagway**

Check in: 05:00 p.m.

Check out: Day 4

Skagway is the Northern point of Alaska’s Inside Passage. Accommodations are provided downtown just a few blocks from the ferry terminal and train depot with shopping and good restaurants close by. Continental Breakfast included.

## Skagway



Skagway rarely disappoints visitors. A seven-block corridor along Broadway features historic false-front shops and restaurants, wooden sidewalks, locals in period costumes and restored buildings, many of which are part of the National Park Service managed Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park.

One hour ranger-led walking tours of the Skagway Historic District are available from early May to late September. They operate daily at 9am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, and 3pm (other times when needed and staffing is available). You may pick up free tickets at the visitor center, located at 2nd Avenue & Broadway for the various tours. Walks are limited to 30 participants. Tours are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the adventurous, Skagway has an excellent trail system that begins just blocks from the downtown area and allows hikers to trek to alpine lakes, waterfalls, even the graves of Skagway's most notorious residents, Soapy Smith and Frank Reid.

For transportation, Skagway has the cities SMART Shuttle (phone 907-983-2743 to schedule a pickup) to take you direct to a property and the cost is about \$2.00 per person or \$5 for an all-day pass. Operates 7am to 9pm, other times upon request.

## Day 4

### White Pass Summit Excursion

Departure time: Morning

Take an unforgettable journey aboard "The Scenic Railway of the World" to the White Pass summit. Begin your excursion as you board the train in Skagway and travel 20 miles from tidewater, to the Summit of the White Pass – a 2,865 foot elevation!

Relax in vintage passenger coaches as you retrace the original route to the White Pass Summit, passing Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of mountains, glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles and historic sites. See the original Klondike Trail of '98 worn into the rocks, a permanent tribute to the thousands of souls who passed this way in search of fortune.



### Flight from Skagway to Gustavus via Juneau

Flight Departure: 03:00 p.m.

Flight Arrival: 04:40 p.m.

Sit back and relax on this scenic plane flight from Skagway to Gustavus, gateway to Glacier Bay National Park. Each passenger is allowed 50 lbs maximum luggage, Excess baggage may be allowed, carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding. Make sure you have your camera in your lap! This flight offers endless photo opportunities.

### Accommodation for 2 nights in Gustavus

Check in: 03:00 p.m.

Check out: Day 6

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.

### 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.

With its spectacular glaciers and abundance of marine wildlife, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve has become the crown jewel in the itinerary of many cruise-ship and independent travelers. The bay features seven tidewater glaciers that spill out of the mountains and deposit icebergs of all shapes, sizes and shades of blue into the ocean. Of the park's more than 300,000 annual visitors, over 90 percent visit on a cruise ship and never set foot on shore, but the independent travelers who come get the bonus of visiting nearby Gustavus as well.

Bartlett Cove is the park headquarters and the only maintained hiking trails in the park. At Bartlett Cove, paddlers rent kayaks, visitors board tour boats for a 40-mile day cruise to see the glaciers up the bay and park rangers lead guided hikes and give naturalist programs. At the foot of the main dock is the National Park Service Visitor Information Station, where you can obtain backcountry permits, seek out information or purchase a variety of books or topographic maps that cover the park.

Gustavus is nine miles by road from Bartlett Cove. Independent travelers can take a short flight from Juneau via jet or air taxi, or hop on an Alaska Marine Highway ferry from Juneau. Like many places known for natural beauty, Gustavus boasts several acclaimed sculptors, painters, potters, jewelers and woodcarvers. You can see their work at local galleries, studios and shops in town. Beachcombing, hiking on the Nagoonberry Loop trail, biking through town or playing a round at the Mount Fairweather Golf Course are popular ways to spend the day.

### Day 5

#### 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.



## Thursday, Day 6

### Flight from Gustavus to Juneau

Flight Departure: 11:00 a.m. **(Alternate times available)**

Flight Arrival: 11:30 a.m.

Short and scenic plane flight to the Capital City, Juneau. Each passenger is allowed 70 lbs maximum luggage, Excess baggage may be allowed, carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding.

### Accommodation for 1 night in Juneau

Check in: 02:30 p.m.

Check out: Day 7

This hotel is a locally owned property near the Juneau Airport with Transportation from Airport and Auke Bay Ferry Terminal.

Continental Breakfast served every day. Transportation to and from Downtown Juneau is offered every two hours during the day.

### 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. Downtown Juneau sits snugly between Mount Juneau, Mount Roberts and Gastineau Channel. The waterfront bustles with cruise ships, fishing boats and floatplanes zipping in and out. With no road access to Juneau, it is the only state capital in the United States that can only be reached by airplane or boat.

Juneau's lively downtown is compact, easy to navigate on foot and always a favorite with visitors. Within easy walking distance of the cruise ship docks are many of Juneau's main attractions, including the state capitol building, Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, several museums (Alaska State Museum is closed until April 2016) and historic South Franklin Street, where turn-of-the-century buildings today are gift shops, restaurants and pubs. Also nearby is the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau with visitor information, displays and walking tour maps of the city.

Just a 15 minute drive from downtown, one of the city's most iconic sites sits at the edge of a residential neighborhood: Mendenhall Glacier. The glacier sits within the Tongass National Forest – the largest national forest in the United States – and visitors to the area can watch icebergs calve off its frozen face into Mendenhall Lake, go for a hike or check out the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Mendenhall Glacier is one of the 38 major glaciers that extend from the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Icefield, and many of them can be seen from the air as part of a flightseeing tour. Most helicopter tours offer glacier landings, glacier treks and glacier dog sled rides.

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.

## Day 7

Depart for home or on to your next Alaskan destination. Contact an agent today!

## 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 alternatives 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.

**Itemized Prices:** All of our tours are individual packages and costs for individual components **cannot** be broken down and itemized.

**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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