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## Alaska Ferry Vacations 13 Day Glaciers & Wildlife

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**Travel Arrangements starting at US\$4,625.00 per person and is based on Double Occupancy**

Single, Triple, and Quad Occupancy rates available upon request

**2020: Departures:** Weekly on Thursdays from May 28 to August 20.

Do you have Alaska Airlines miles sitting around begging to be used? Our agents are happy to help book your flights either with your miles or using our Tour Airfares from home to Alaska and back.

### Day 1:

#### Accommodation for 1 night in Bellingham

Check Out: Day 2

This down-to-earth all-suite hotel features relaxed studios including free WiFi and flat-screen TVs, as well as living areas with pull-out sofas and desks. All rooms offer minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. A hot breakfast buffet, parking and an airport and Alaska Marine Highway shuttle are complimentary. There's a casual restaurant/bar, a BBQ area and a convenience store. Other amenities include an indoor pool, a hot tub and an exercise room.

### Day 2:

#### Ferry from Bellingham to Petersburg with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: Evening

Ferry Arrival Time: Evening on **Day 4**

**Includes private accommodations in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom**

\*\*Upgrades to a Four Berth Stateroom may be available. These cabins come with lower bunks, so no climbing required!\*\*

## Day 4:

### Accommodation for 2 nights in Petersburg

Check Out: Day 6

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.

### Petersburg



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. The best examples of rosemaling are seen along Sing Lee Alley, the center of old Petersburg. Most of the street is built on pilings over Hammer Slough and dominated by the Sons of Norway Hall, a large white building that was built in 1912 on pilings. Hammer Slough itself is a delight to photographers providing colorful images of Petersburg's waterfront.

Boasting the largest home-based halibut fleet in Alaska, Petersburg's fishing fleet catches enough fish to support four canneries and two cold-storage plants. The canneries sit above the water on pilings, overlooking boat harbors bulging with vessels, barges, ferries and seaplanes. The harbor is busy but not deep so Petersburg cannot host large cruise ships. The majority of visitors arrive by the Alaska Marine Highway ferries, a number of small cruise ships and daily jet service. 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.

## Day 5:

### Whalewatching

**Duration:** 8 Hours

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.

Your guide will pick you up at your accommodations 15 minutes prior to your scheduled departure.



## Day 6:

### Car Rental including tax

Pick Up: Morning

Standard-size rental car from Scandia House

### Stikine River Wilderness Day Tour

**Duration:** 5 Hours

Enjoy jet boating the tributaries of the Stikine River! It is an international river over 350 miles long and the fastest free flowing river in North America. The river is fed by over 100 glaciers and is one of the most ecologically diverse rivers in Alaska. Jet boat to Andrews Creek, a clear freshwater creek, and watch the spawning salmon. Navigate slowly through a maze of topaz blue icebergs in Chief Shakes lake and view the solid granite cliffs thousands of feet high. The Stikine River is prime habitat for many species of Alaskan wildlife including moose, bear, eagles, wolves & deer.



### Ferry from Petersburg to Juneau with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: Evening

Ferry Arrival Time: Early Morning on Day 7

**Includes private accommodations in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom**

\*\*Upgrades to a Four Berth Stateroom may be available. These cabins come with lower bunks, so no climbing required!\*\*

## Day 7:

### Accommodation for 2 nights in Juneau

Check Out: **Day 9**

This B&B features 14 deluxe suites in a unique Victorian-style Farmhouse. Come and spend a blissful night in a plush feather bed and indulge in the wonderful homespun comforts all while being nestled in a quiet rural setting in the Mendenhall Valley.

A complimentary full breakfast is provided each morning of your stay. Complimentary transfers to/from the airport or ferry terminal are available.

### 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, and is a maze of narrow streets running past a mix of new structures, old storefronts and quaint houses featuring early 19th century architecture left over from the town's early gold mining days. 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.

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.

## Day 8:

### Glacier View Sea Kayaking

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.

## Day 9:

### Flight from Juneau to Gustavus

**Duration:** 30 Minutes

Sit back and relax on this scenic flight from Juneau to Gustavus, Gateway to Glacier Bay National Park. Fly time is 30 minutes. Everyone gets a window seat! Each passenger is allowed up to 50lbs of luggage, but excess may be allowed. Carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding. Make sure you have your camera in your lap for the endless photo opportunities offered on the flight.

### Accommodation for 2 nights in Gustavus

Check Out: **Day 11**

Here you'll enjoy cozy hotel room accommodations among the Sitka Spruce trees and relax in the warmth of the lobby's massive stone fireplace. Relax in front of the fireplace in the view lounge area or visit the National Park Services 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 10:

### Glacier Bay Day Tour

**Duration:** 7 Hours

Spend the day on the waters of Glacier Bay and see magnificent tidewater glaciers, ancient snow-capped mountains, whales, stellar sea lions, rare birds such as puffins, coastal bears, seals, eagles, and so much more aboard the comfortable and high-speed catamaran.



## Day 11:

### Flight from Gustavus to Sitka via Juneau

**Duration:** 2.5 Hours

Scenic flight from Gustavus to Sitka with plane switch in Juneau. Each passenger is allowed up to 50lbs of luggage, but excess may be allowed. Carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding. Make sure you have your camera in your lap for the endless photo opportunities offered on the flight.

## 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. Located on Sitka Sound and surrounded by a myriad of small, forested islands, the city of 8,615 residents is marked by the picturesque remnants of its Russian heritage, including the onion-shaped domes and gold colored crosses of the beloved Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral. Although first inhabited by Native Tlingit Indians, Sitka is recognized as the heart of the Russian influence in Alaska. The Russians arrived by 1741 and in 1804 attacked a Tlingit fort. The region's most famous battle eventually led to the creation of Sitka National Historical Park. Originally established as New Archangel, Sitka became the capital of Russian American in 1808. When Russia sold Alaska to the United States on October 18, 1867, the transfer ceremony took place on Sitka's Castle Hill.

### **Accommodation for 2 nights in Sitka**

Check Out: **Day 13**

This hotel is conveniently located in downtown Sitka, Alaska on Sitka Harbor, less than two miles from the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport. Your hotel offers guests well-appointed accommodations and local cuisine at the Dock Shack, the restaurant and lounge, which provides patrons spectacular views of the local fishing fleet and Mt. Edgecumbe. Complimentary transfers are provided to and from the airport.

### **Day 12:**

#### **Wildlife Tour**

**Duration:** 2.5-5 Hours

Discover Southeast Alaska's majestic landscape and wilderness by cruising Alaska style. Spend your time in Sitka embarking upon a personalized and exciting 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.



### **Day 13:**

**Flight from Sitka to Seattle**

**Duration:** 2 Hours

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS ALASKA TOURS**

**“Plan-To-Go Deposit”:** Agents typically spend up to an hour planning alternative options for you at no charge. After that, your agent will 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:** Please make your reservations as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit 50% of the total tour is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure.

**Itemized Prices:** All tours are presented as a package and individual prices will not be broken out due to contractual agreements with vendors.

**Cancellations and refunds:** Deposits and other payments are non-refundable. Travel Insurance is HIGHLY recommended.

**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.

**Weather Related Delays/Cancellations:** Due to the ever-changing weather in Alaska, cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are non-refundable.

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