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# **Exploring Southeast Alaska's ABC Islands**

Embark on an active exploration of the crown jewels of Alaska's Inside Passage—the ABC Islands. Discover what makes this area so special as you circumnavigate Admiralty Island in waters teeming with wildlife and hike and kayak on Baranof and Chichagof Islands. With insights from expert naturalists, witness the full spectrum of biodiversity that thrives in this natural wonderland—from plants and mushrooms to bears and whales, and even the vibrant undersea landscape.

From \$7,801 / per person Does not include flights



**DATES** 

Jun and Jul



**DURATION** 

8 Days



**SHIPS** 

National Geographic Sea Lion



**STARTS AT** 

Juneau, Alaska



**ENDS AT** 

Juneau, Alaska

Please review the Essential Eligibility Criteria for hiking activities on this voyage.

The National Park Service, Department of Interior authorizes Lindblad Expeditions as a Concessioner to provide Tour Vessel Services within Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



## Highlights

- ★ Kayak or paddleboard along the rugged coastline of Chichagof Island, home to one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world
- ★ Spend a full day exploring the scenic outer bays of Glacier Bay National Park by kayak, by Zodiac or on foot
- ★ Explore the wild and remote areas of southeast Alaska by special use permit with the Tongass National Forest
- Cruise an ice-filled fjord toward the face of a glacier in the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area













## Day by day

#### DAY 1

### Juneau, Alaska / Embark Ship

Arrive in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, in the early afternoon, and embark in time for cocktails and an introduction to the vessel, staff and crew.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 3:00 p.m. local time.

**Arrival City:** Juneau Meals included: dinner

♦ DAY 2

#### Icy Strait and the Inian Islands

Spend the day searching for wildlife in nutrient-rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options include a Zodiac cruise among the Inian Islands, home to a sizeable population of Steller sea lions; kayaking in the protected coves of Chichagof Island; or hiking in a lush temperate rainforest where bald eagles dot the canopies.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

♦ DAYS 3-7

## Exploring Alaska's ABC Islands and Surrounding Areas

For the next six days, explore these wild gems of southeast Alaska, located in the northern part of the Alexander Archipelago. This area is a staff favorite for its exceptional wildlife and opportunities for active exploration. With nature as your guide, you will experience wild Alaska up close on Zodiacs, kayaks, paddleboards and hikes, including an option for an all-day bushwack adventure.

## Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait (Admiralty Island)

The dense forest and snow-capped peaks of Admiralty Island provide a scenic backdrop for exploring its productive surrounding waters. These are prime areas for spotting both orca and humpback whales. With luck, guests may observe their fascinating behavior—breaching, tail-slapping and variations on feeding—while standing on deck and listening to the play-by-play from expert naturalists.

#### **Baranof Island**

The smallest of the ABC islands, Baranof Island is home to the archipelago's highest peak, as well as a diverse ecosystem. Meander through the old-growth temperate rainforest, following a stream studded with sockeye salmon making their journey upstream to spawn. The salmon nourish a variety of land and ocean animals including bears, sea otters, sea lions, porpoises and more. Your naturalists will provide a deeper understanding of the intricacies of the Alaskan temperate rainforest, from its edible and poisonous plants to the fascinating mating habits of the banana slug.

#### **Chichagof Island**

Chichagof Island is one of the largest islands in the U.S. and harbors one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world. The lush foliage offers excellent opportunities for naturalist-led hikes and photo walks. With the help of your certified photo instructor, practice your macrophotography skills on the variety of mushrooms rising from the mycelium that carpets the forest floor. Stroll the shorelines to witness a kaleidoscope of colorful intertidal life, while keeping an eye peeled for bubble-netting humpbacks feeding in the surrounding waters.

#### **Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness**

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise for an



unparalleled view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises and Arctic terns.

Meals included: dinner, breakfast, lunch

#### DAY 8

## Juneau / Disembark Ship

After breakfast, disembark in Juneau and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Departure Time: Depart after 10:30 a.m. local time

**Departure City:** Juneau Meals included: breakfast



#### **Expedition**

Juneau, Alaska ightarrow Juneau, Alaska

#### **2026 Departure Dates**

Aboard National Geographic Sea Lion

| 14 Jun | 21 Jun | 28 Jun |  |
|--------|--------|--------|--|
| 05 Jul | 12 Jul |        |  |



## National Geographic Sea Lion

Guests Cabins 62 31

## A U.S.-flagged vessel, she and her sister National Geographic Sea Bird discover domestic waters

Before they built the *National Geographic Venture* and *Quest*, U.S. shipbuilder Nichols Brothers built the twin ships *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *National Geographic Sea Bird*. Nimble, reliable, and intimately scaled, they both continue to sail the waters of the west coast of North America and Central America.

Sea Lion accommodates just 62 guests in 31 outside cabins. Her inviting public spaces foster a sense of shipboard life where everyone is integral to the adventure, engendering a rewarding sense of community and esprit du corps. National Geographic writer Andrew Evans called Sea Lion the "closest thing to Cousteau's Calypso" he's ever had the pleasure to be on.

With a shallow draft and small size, she can easily reach places inaccessible to larger ships. She can venture into fast-moving channels where whales come to feed, transit a series of locks in the Pacific Northwest, nose up to waterfalls in secluded coves, and sail into protected anchorages in small bays perfect for snorkeling and kayaking.





## **Cabin Categories**

#### Category 1

Main Deck: #300-305

Conveniently located between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single beds, and a large window. All cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.



#### Category 2

Bridge Deck: #101-104 Upper Deck: #200-212, 215

These well-located cabins include two single beds and a window. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside. Cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, closet, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.



### Category 3

Upper Deck: #214, 216, 217, 219

These cabins include two single beds that can convert to a double bed and a pullout murphy bed for a third person. Cabins feature a small table, two chairs, large double closet, sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom, and two windows. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one-half the double occupancy rate.



## **Category 3**

Bridge Deck: #105, 106

These cabins include two single beds. Cabins feature a small table, two chairs, large double closet, sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom, and two windows. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside.



### **Bridge Deck**

Category 2

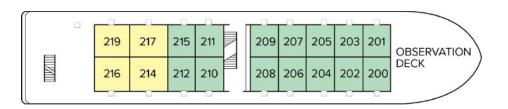
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## **Upper Deck**

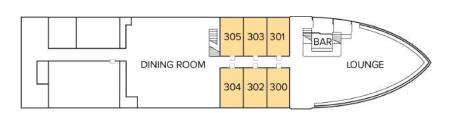
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#### **Main Deck**

Category 1



## Ship amenities

#### **Public Areas**

A library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables. Our "open bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

#### Meals

Meals are served in the dining room at a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menus feature sustainable choices, local where possible.

#### **Cabins**

All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with WiFi, multiple electrical and USB outlets.

Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles and a National Geographic Atlas is available in each cabin.

### **Expedition Equipment**

A fleet of 6 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable).



#### **Special Features**

Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and video chronicler.

#### **Wellness**

A fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, weights, resistance bands; LEXspa treatment room, staffed by wellness specialists.



#### **Self-Disinfecting Ships**

ACT Clean Coat™ is a light-activated, self- disinfecting cleaning process that continuously breaks down viruses, bacteria, mold, and airborne allergens across all ship surfaces. Not only does this create a cleaner, healthier shipboard environment for guests and crew alike, but this non-toxic, chemical- free system also saves more than one million gallons of water each year in our cleaning procedures, and reduces our carbon footprint as well as the amount of plastic and waste in our supply chain.



## **Special Offers**

#### **BRINGING THE KIDS**

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Save \$500 for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare. Call for details.

#### 10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

#### **CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES**

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

#### **SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP**

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

## PAY BY DEBIT: EARN A \$100 ONBOARD CREDIT

The \$100 onboard credit offer is applied after the final payment and requires 85% of the cost of the voyage to be placed on a debit card. Maximum of one

\$100 onboard credit per cabin. The \$100 onboard credit is a non-refundable, non-transferable credit that can be used for various onboard purchases such as global gallery and spa treatments. It has no cash value, cannot be refunded if not fully utilized, and will be forfeited if not fully redeemed by the end of the voyage. This offer is combinable with other offers. If the booking is altered or canceled, the onboard credit may be forfeited, and it cannot be transferred if the booking is moved to another guest. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to modify or cancel the offer without prior notice. Offer applies to Lindblad Expeditions' owned ships only. Offer valid only for Debit Cards issued in the United States for payments made from the United States.

#### **COMBINING OFFERS**

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.



#### Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer, wine, cocktails, liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert quest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; basic WiFi, park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

#### Not included in price

Airfare (except flights\* when indicated as included); preand post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

\*Recommended flight costs include flight(s) that take place during the date range of your trip to transport travelers from one itinerary destination to another. This cost also includes ground transportation, luggage transfer, and airport assistance. If you prefer to arrange your own flights privately, have alternate means of transport, or wish to modify at a later time, please contact an Expedition Specialist at 1.833.400.0831

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

#### Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

#### **Cancellation policy**

Review our cancellation policy: https://www.expeditions.com/cancellation-policy/