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Alaska Epic Escape: Complete Inside Passage

Embark on the ultimate 11-day Alaska expedition combining two distinct wilderness experiences through Southeast Alaska’s Inside Passage. Experience untamed coastal landscapes rich with Tlingit culture and abundant wildlife—from eagles and whales to salmon-fishing bears. Witness electric blue icebergs in LeConte Bay, navigate Misty Fjords’ narrow channels, cycle along glacial fjords in Haines and kayak among towering glaciers. This comprehensive adventure showcases the full spectrum of Alaska’s Inside Passage wilderness.

From
A\$ 15,464 / per person
 Does not include flights

 DATES Jun, Jul and Aug	 DURATION 11 Days
 SHIPS <i>National Geographic Sea Bird</i>	
 STARTS AT Sitka, Alaska	  ENDS AT Ketchikan, Alaska

Highlights

- ★ Kayak or paddleboard along the rugged coastlines of Chichagof Island, home to one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world
- ★ Explore Haines, the “adventure capital of Alaska,” via raft, bicycle and hiking boot, or go fly fishing in the river for salmon and trout
- ★ Cruise by Zodiac and kayak among abundant sea lions and search for whales in the Inian Islands
- ★ Explore the wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska by special use permit with the Tongass National Forest





Day by day

DAY 1

Sitka / Embark Ship

Arrive in Sitka, Alaska. Situated on the western coast of Baranof Island and overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Sitka is known for its Tlingit culture and remnants of its Russian heritage which date back to the 1800s. Embark this evening in time for cocktails and an introduction to the staff and crew.

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

Arrival City: Sitka

Meals included: dinner

DAY 2

Exploring Baranof or Chichagof Island

Explore the breathtaking bays of Baranof or Chichagof. Both islands are part of the ancient Tongass National Forest. Chichagof harbors one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world, and both islands are home to diverse wildlife. Kayak or paddleboard along rugged coastlines and go hiking through the temperate rainforest, listening for bald eagles calling out from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3

Icy Strait and the Inian Islands

Spend today 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 lush temperate rain forest where bald eagles dot the canopies.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

DAY 4

Haines

A paradise for adventure seekers, Haines offers the chance to cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, go fly fishing for salmon and Dolly Varden trout or choose from an array of world-class hikes. Other options include a visit to the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. This day brims with options.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

DAY 5

Endicott Arm

Wake up in Endicott Arm. This area features some of the most active glaciers in Southeast Alaska. Icebergs regularly break off from glaciers, getting caught in shallow moraines and along the shorelines as they float out of the bay. Cruise through a glacier-sculpted fjord, then set out to explore by Zodiac. View the soaring Dawes Glacier up close. If conditions permit, paddle a kayak below the steep walls of the fjord.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 6

Juneau

Spend the day in Juneau, Alaska's capital city—one of only two U.S. capitals inaccessible by car. Explore the city independently with an all-day Mt. Roberts tram ticket for panoramic views. Today marks a transition, as some guests conclude their voyage while others embark to begin their adventure.

Note: Some staff may rotate, bringing fresh energy and expertise for the journey ahead.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

LeConte Bay

Today you'll explore either LeConte Bay. Your experienced captain will evaluate the underwater moraine, then you'll set out by Zodiac to navigate among these surreal floating sculptures. Take advantage of spectacular photographic opportunities, practicing tricks and tips from your certified photo instructor. Keep an eye out for curious harbor seals lounging on nearby icebergs.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 8

Sumner Strait

Navigate the stunning Wrangell Narrows, an area inaccessible to larger ships, and then cruise into the Sumner Strait, keeping watch for orcas and humpback whales surfacing and sea otters gliding through the clear water around the ship. Explore the coast by kayak or Zodiac and go ashore to trace bear trails through forests intersected by crystalline salmon streams. Along the way, learn about the rainforest ecosystem from naturalists. Fix your binoculars on the banks to search for Sitka black-tailed deer and moose as well as black bears, wolves and bald eagles that frequent the shoreline in search of plentiful salmon.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

Wrangell

This morning, arrive in the small town of Wrangell. The Tlingit and their ancestors have made this island their home for thousands of years. Take an optional jet boat journey up the Stikine River or explore town, including a visit to Chief Shakes Tribal House and Petroglyph Beach, home to ancient rock carvings. This afternoon, cruise

the Eastern Passage and Blake Channel, narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island where other ships rarely venture.

On select departures, choose an optional day trip to Anan Creek Bear Observatory to witness black and brown bears feasting on salmon runs (additional \$420 per person). Speak with your expedition specialist for details.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 10

Misty Fjords National Monument

Wake up this morning to catch the sunrise over the stunning cliffs of Misty Fjords National Monument, rising more than 2,000 feet above the deep blue waters of the fjord. Watch wisps of cloud drift down the winding waterway and drape over green peaks as you cruise through the mists that give this extraordinary landscape its name. Set out by Zodiac and kayak to get close to the forested banks and the many dramatic waterfalls cascading down the cliffs.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 11

Ketchikan / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Ketchikan and transfer to the airport for flights home.

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

Departure City: Ketchikan, Alaska

Meals included: breakfast

Eastbound

Sitka, Alaska → Ketchikan, Alaska

2026 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

20 Jun				
10 Jul	30 Jul			

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2026 Departure Dates

30 Jun, 20 Jul, 09 Aug



National Geographic Sea Bird

GUESTS

62

CABINS

31

**A U.S.-flagged vessel, she and her sister
National Geographic Sea Lion 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.

National Geographic Sea Bird 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 *National Geographic 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.



Note:

Solo occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

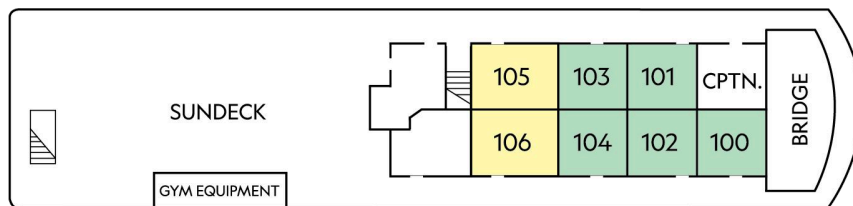
Shared Accommodations:

Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

Deck Plans

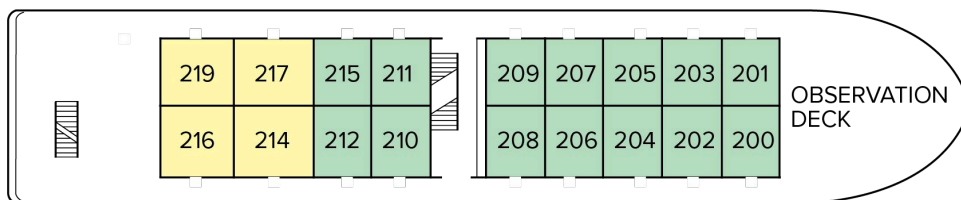
Bridge Deck

- Category 2
- Category 3



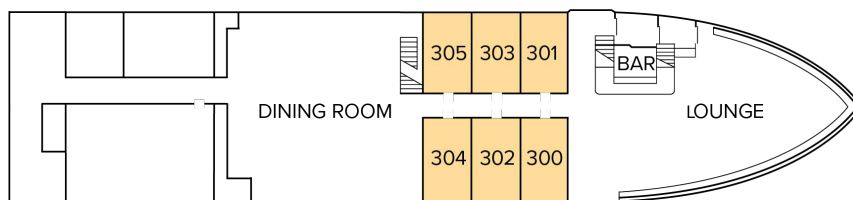
Upper Deck

- Category 2
- Category 3



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

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

Wellness

A fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, weights and resistance bands.



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.

Noteworthy Feature:

The generous scale of the bow, enabling the entire expedition community to congregate with our naturalists, photo instructors, and experts from the Alaska Whale Foundation or the National Park Service, and share the excitement of watching whales or dramatic glacier calving events.

Special Offers

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.

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.

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 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

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/>

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