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Small Ship Cruises Alaska | Alaska's Inside Passage Sojourn

2025

9 Days / 8 Nights - Sitka to Ketchikan

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INTRODUCTION

Explore Southeast Alaska from its northern to southern ends on this Alaska Inside Passage Sojourn. Enjoy a collection of unique towns and Indigenous villages where you'll learn about the region's compelling history and three distinct Native cultures: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. Along the way, you'll journey through Southeast Alaska's most abundant wildlife areas and glacial fjords. Kayak, skiff, and hiking excursions allow for up-close and personal exploration. Don't forget to bring your camera and watch for wildlife like bears, eagles, falcons, caribou and foxes!

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1	Sitka Embarkation
DAY 2	True Alaska Wilderness Exploration
DAY 3	Glacier Bay National Park
DAY 4	Juneau/Orca Point Lodge
DAY 5	Tracy Arm/Endicott Arm Fjord/Frederick Sound
DAY 6	Wrangell
DAY 7	Thorne Bay & Kasaan
DAY 8	Metlakatla & Misty Fjords
DAY 9	Ketchikan Disembarkation

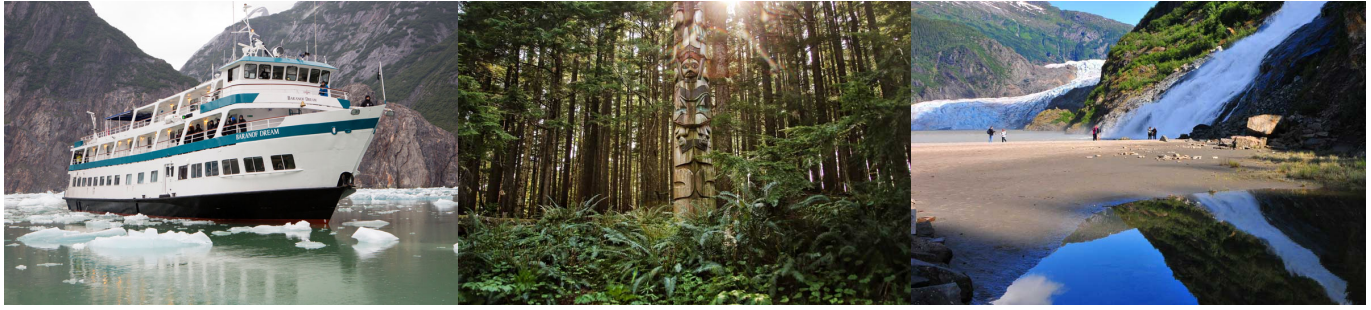
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MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Sitka | Embarkation

Explore beautiful Sitka, the only community in Southeast Alaska that faces the open ocean waters of the Gulf of Alaska. Visit fascinating historical sites that highlight the community's rich Alaska Native and Russian history. Embark for the winding narrows north of town while spotting for bald eagles, sea otters, bears, whales, and other wildlife.

Day 2 True Alaska Wilderness Exploration

Savor the serenity of raw wilderness on an unscripted day of Southeast Alaska discovery. The options are countless, dictated by the day's unique circumstances. Opportunities may include a coastline kayak paddle, up-close whale encounters, or a hike through an alluring old-growth forest. We may do a beach landing on an unspoiled shoreline to explore a tidal flat or track along with a foraging bear from the safety of our DIB (shallow water expedition craft). Regardless of the activity, you'll experience the magic of the archipelago's many remote coves, bays, and inlets.

Day 3 Glacier Bay National Park

This remarkable national park fjord extends 65-miles, contains eight tidewater glaciers, and provides pristine habitat for a wide-array of wildlife, including both brown and black bears, wolves, mountain goats, Steller sea lions, and humpback whales. The highlight for many is the Margerie Glacier, known for its dramatic calving displays. A Glacier Bay National Park Service Ranger narrates the day's program and a Native Huna Tlingit interpretive naturalist joins us to reveal traditional cultural ties to this ancient treasure.

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Day 4 Juneau | Orca Point Lodge

Spend the day visiting highlights of the scenic capital city of Juneau, including the world famous Mendenhall Glacier. In downtown Juneau, visit the recently-renovated Alaska State Museum. There will also be time to explore on your own. You may choose to visit the Juneau-Douglas City Museum, Alaska State Capitol, or take in the spectacular panoramic views of the Mount Roberts Tram. You can also delve deeper into local Native culture and history by exploring fascinating exhibits, art displays, and a clan house at the Walter Soboleff Center. End the day's adventure with a relaxing evening at Orca Point Lodge, our own exclusive day-lodge on Colt Island. Enjoy the beautiful grounds, beach, and marine life touch-tank. Dine on Alaskan salmon, Alaskan king crab, or prime rib from the warmth of the lodge, or nestled next to a beachside bonfire.

Day 5 Tracy Arm | Endicott Arm Fjord | Frederick Sound

Journey through Tracy or Endicott Arm in the Tracy Arm-Fjord's Terror Wilderness, a place the famous naturalist, John Muir, referred to as, "A wild, unfinished Yosemite." Renowned for its pristine waterfalls, towering icebergs, abundant harbor seals, and granite cliffs that rise from sea level to 4,000 feet, this wilderness is often referred to by locals as one of the most scenic areas in the state. Scout for humpback whales and other marine mammals in Frederick Sound. Humpbacks are famous for behavior that lends itself to incredible viewing and photography, such as tail lobbing, lunge feeding, pectoral slapping, breaching, and picturesque dives that showcase their massive flukes.

Day 6 Wrangell

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Day 7 Thorne Bay & Kasaan

Experience the frontier spirit of Alaska's timber years on a tour of Thorne Bay, which was once the largest logging camp in the world. This tight-knit community is located on the eastern side of Prince of Wales, an island renowned for its high concentration of black bears. Here, you'll meet resident artisans and enjoy a walking tour of the town while keeping an eye out for the island's fauna. In Kasaan, walk an enchanted forest path laden with intricately carved totem poles to the Chief Son-i-Hat Whale House, the only remaining traditional Haida longhouse in the United States. Inside stand four original house posts, or "Gáats," that were most likely carved at Old Kasaan in about 1880.

Day 8 Metlakatla & Misty Fjords

Immerse yourself in the extraordinary history, art, and cultural traditions of the Metlakatla Indian Community on Annette Island. Visit a traditional Tsimshian longhouse, enjoy a ceremonial dance performance, and meet Alaska Native artists. Later, your ship will glide beneath the 3,000-foot glacier-sculpted cliffs of Misty Fjords. Discover the fjord's natural history, listen to the calls of a myriad of seabirds, feel the mist from glistening waterfalls, and see famous New Eddystone Rock—a stunning volcanic core.

Day 9 Ketchikan | Disembarkation

Disembark in Ketchikan, otherwise known as Alaska's "First City" and "Salmon Capital of the World." Transfer to your hotel or the airport is complimentary.

Cruise information is subject to change without notice based on navigating conditions. Itinerary order is also subject to rearrangement based on permit allocations.

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Included features:

- Intimate vessels ideally suited for exploring off-the-beaten-path
- Knowledgeable captains and all Alaskan & North American crew with many years in Alaska
- Educational presentations by our Scientific & Cultural Expedition Leaders
- Complimentary chef inspired gourmet cuisine
- Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres, drinks and daily recap by the Expedition Leader
- Complimentary Alaskan gear includes jacket, pants and boots for use during the cruise
- A full day in Glacier Bay National Park including up close glacier viewing and Glacier Bay narration
- Amazing wildlife viewing in Glacier Bay National Park, Tracy or Endicott Arm, Frederick Sound.

Onboard Inclusions:

- Selected guest cabin facilities
- All onboard meals
- A complimentary glass of wine or beer with dinner
- Selected shore excursions as indicated in itinerary documents
- Ground transportation to and from the airport to hotel (downtown hotel) or ship in Sitka, Juneau, and Ketchikan one day prior and day of sailing and the day of departure from the ship.
- Additionally, ground transportation is provided from the local airport to selected hotels in those cities the day prior to sailing.
- All standard onboard services
- Port fees and taxes *subject to change

Not Included

- Gratuities

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