

ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE



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2022 – MAY 6, 16*, 27 | JUN 6*, 17, 27* | JUL 8, 18*, 29 | AUG 8*, 19, 29* | SEP 09, 19*

2023 – MAY 05, 15*, 26, 31^ | JUN 5*, 10*^, 16, 21^, 26* | JUL 1*^, 7, 12^, 17*, 22*^, 28 | AUG 02^, 07*, 12*^, 18, 23^, 28* | SEP 02*^, 08, 13^, 18*, 23*^

DURATION: 12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS

*Reverse itinerary – 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

EMBARK: VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

DISEMBARK: SITKA, AK

SHIP: OCEAN VICTORY

^OCEAN DISCOVERER

FROM: \$4,699 per person

Plus \$359 Port Charges

ITINERARY –

DAY 1 – ARRIVE VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

Overnight in your included hotel. Experience European charm and Canadian warmth. Arrive earlier to see more of Vancouver and British Columbia.

DAY 2 – EMBARK IN VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

Board your extraordinary ship in time for welcoming cocktails and a lovely five-course dinner as we begin this journey of discovery. Sail into Canada's Inside Passage filled with anticipation. One included and one premium shore excursion.

DAY 3 – CANADIAN INSIDE PASSAGE

The first people to explore these picturesque waters did it in hand-carved cedar dugout canoes. You will enjoy an intimate connection to this place as Ocean Victory takes you through a narrow maze of channels, passages, and reaches from Vancouver Island to the northern edge of British Columbia. Whether you're in the expansive Observation Lounge, on deck or on the one-of-a-kind viewing platform, keep your eye out for whales and dolphins in Queen Charlotte Sound – and watch for bears as we glide along pristine island shorelines.

DAY 4 – FJORDLAND (KYNOCHE INLET), BC, CANADA

In the spectacular setting of this provincial park, you'll discover a kayaker's paradise, with inlets, bays, islands, and fjords that reveal an intricate network of waterfalls and glaciers. Old growth Sitka spruce and dense coastal western hemlock forests shelter black bears and grizzlies along the rugged coastline. This is a day that will stretch all your senses. Granite cliffs over 3,000 feet high drop straight into seemingly bottomless water – and waterfalls cascade from dizzying heights into glacial inlets. You'll explore unique coastal marine life in an area accessible only by sea.



DAY 5 – KETCHIKAN & METLAKATLA, AK

The totem poles of Ketchikan and Saxman welcome you this morning to Alaska's southernmost city. Standing tall and noble, each hand-carved pole tells a silent story. This afternoon in Metlakatla, the first thing you'll notice are the smiles. They are wide, warm, and genuine – welcoming you to the only settlement of indigenous Tsimshian people in the United States. Two included and three premium shore excursions.



DAY 6 – MISTY FJORDS, AK

The soaring granite cliffs that greet us this morning are 50 to 70 million years old. Yes, million. Ancient glaciers scrubbed deep troughs through this wilderness, leaving a scenic geological wonder. New Eddystone Rock is a remnant of long ago volcanic activity that left the iconic basalt pillar as a testament to the power of this place. Humpback whales, orcas, sea lions, bears, wolves, moose, and hundreds of species of sea and shorebirds await as we spend most of today exploring the shoreline with our team of marine biologists from Cal Poly.

DAY 7 – WRANGELL, AK

Wrangell is the perfect spot for an optional jet boat excursion to explore the dramatic Stikine River – what the Tlingit people call “the Great River.” The picturesque town of Wrangell is the gateway to the river, perched at the very tip of rugged Wrangell Island. You are most welcome here, as native Alaskans whose ancestors have lived on this island for thousands of years open their tribal home, their culture, and their magnificent river for your exploration. Take home your own petroglyph rubbing to remember your time among more than 40 ancient petroglyphs on the 8,000-year-old site of Petroglyph Beach. One included and six premium shore excursions.



DAY 8 – WATERFALL COAST, AK

Today's challenge is trying to keep track of the number of waterfalls we'll encounter as we glide along Baranof Island's beautiful eastern coast, the little known "waterfall coast." Some trickle, some thunder, some simply splash merrily to the sea. Exploration is the order of the day, and you choose your point of view – from any of Ocean Victory's observation perspectives, or right at water level by kayak or Zodiac. This almost hidden shoreline is perfect for discovery. Watch for seals, deer, and tide-pools ready to reveal their secret treasures.

DAY 9 - PETERSBURG, AK

We'll dock right beside Alaska's largest home-based halibut fleet, who call this shallow, protected harbor home. These abundant waters and an endless supply of ice from nearby LeConte Glacier led Norwegian fisherman Peter Buschmann to build the region's first cannery and invite his fishing countrymen to join him. Hence the town's name and its strong Norwegian culture. Large cruise ships cannot come into Petersburg, so you'll be among a privileged few to be in this charming, authentic Alaskan village. One included and five premium shore excursions.



DAY 10 – TRACY AND ENDICOTT ARMS

Nature will dictate our route here. Northbound cruises will explore one of these spectacular fjords. Both are deep, narrow, and host to distinct marine environments we'll explore with experts via a Zodiac or kayak. Southbound voyages will spend two days here, with the opportunity to explore both fjords with equal curiosity and expertise.

DAY 11 - KAKE & FREDERICK SOUND, AK

The towering totem pole, the largest ever carved from a single tree, stands sentinel over this ancient village on the tip of Kupreanof Island. The Kake tribe of the Tlingit people still observe a subsistent lifestyle here, the harshness of its demands belied by the warmth of their welcome. In adjacent Frederick Sound, we'll explore by Zodiac, led by our team of naturalists.



DAY 12 - SITKA, AK - DISEMBARK

Your northbound voyage ends in this beautiful city where you can listen to the chattering of eagles and drink in the scent of the eponymous Sitka spruce as you experience the joy of this place, once called the "Paris of the Pacific." One premium shore excursion available. Stay longer or visit other areas of Alaska – Denali, Glacier Bay, and much more.

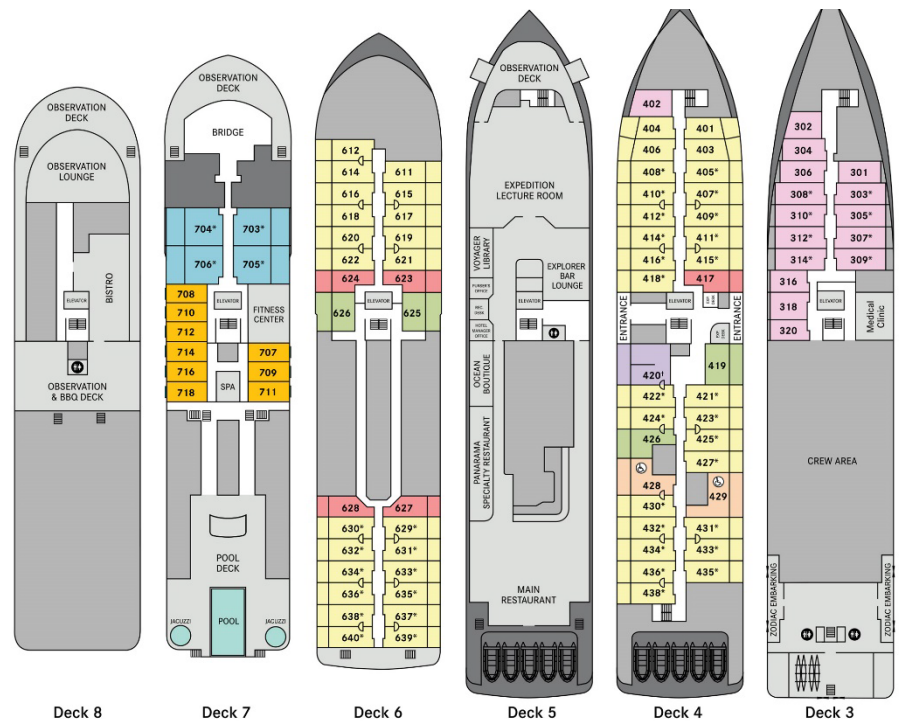
NOTE: REVERSE SOUTH BOUND ITINERARY IS 13 DAYS:

DAY 4 - An extra day exploring Endicott Arm & Fjord Terror. We will spend the night in these splendid surroundings. Our ship is uniquely equipped to stop here, in a secluded cove of the captain's choice, without disturbing the serenity with mechanical sounds or interruptions. Stand on deck and experience the stillness. Hear the sounds of the waters and wilderness around you. Be fully aware of where you are, who you are, and how you are in this matchless environment.



RATES 2022-2023	Cat F	Cat E	Cat D	Cat C	Cat BB	Cat B	Cat A	Premium Suite
2022: 6/27; 9/19 2023: 6/26	\$4,199	\$5,299		\$5,899	\$6,499	\$8,799	\$10,599	\$11,199
2023: 7/22	\$4,299							
2022: 5/6, 27, 6/17, 9/9 2023: 5/5, 26, 31, 6/16, 21, 9/8, 18	\$4,699	\$5,999		\$6,599	\$7,299	\$9,999	\$11,999	\$12,599
2022: 7/8, 29, 8/19 2023: 7/7, 12, 28, 8/2, 18, 23 9/13	\$4,899	\$6,299		\$6,999	\$7,699	\$10,499	\$12,599	\$13,299
2022: 5/16, 6/6 2023: 5/15, 6/5, 10, 9/2, 23	\$5,199	\$6,599		\$7,299	\$7,999	\$10,999	\$13,199	\$13,899
2022: 7/18, 8/8, 29 2023: 7/1, 17, 8/7, 12, 28	\$5,399	\$6,899		\$7,699	\$8,499	\$11,499	\$13,899	\$14,599

Fares Include: Passage, all food and service throughout the cruise and pre-cruise hotel night. Also featured are special pre-dinner cocktail parties every evening. Enjoy soft drinks and our house wine, beer and non-premium spirits free of charge during your entire cruise. All cruises include a complimentary featured shore excursion program in every port and intriguing lectures on board. Fares do not include port charges (\$359) or gratuities on board or for any shore excursion personnel, such as tour guides or bus drivers.



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