

# ALASKA'S SPRING WILDERNESS & WILDLIFE ROUNDTRIP SITKA



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**DATES – 2022 – Mar 26, Apr 2, 9**

**DURATION – 6 days/5 nights**

**ROUNDTRIP - SITKA, ALASKA**

**SHIP – MISTY FJORD**

**ALL CABINS - \$3,390**  
(Incl Taxes & Port Fees)





Early spring in Sitka is one of Southeast Alaska's best kept secrets. Many locals prefer this season over any other time of year, with its crisp mornings, lengthening daylight hours, flora and fauna springing to life, and frenzy of wildlife activity. Experience it all by joining our newest excursion aboard the *M/V Misty Fjord*. The intimate setting of our 10-passenger vessel will allow you to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime wildlife quest. As with all *Misty Fjord* itineraries, routes are not strictly defined. A knowledgeable local captain and on-board naturalist will choose the best activities based on each day's unique circumstances and guest interests. The versatility of this small boat creates a photographer's dream trip, allowing all aboard to view abundant wildlife as it emerges with the changing of the seasons amid the remarkable beauty of Southeast Alaska.

## ITINERARY:

### DAY 1 – ARRIVE SITKA, ALASKA

We recommend arriving at least one day early to avoid potential flight delay issues.

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have an opportunity to view birds of prey like bald eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons at the Alaska Raptor Center, and get up close with many marine species at the Sitka Sound Science Center, a working salmon hatchery and aquarium.

### DAYS 2-5 – WILDERNESS EXPLORATIONS

You'll skirt miles of rugged coastline, taking in dramatic mountain views, pristine old growth forest, and the bountiful wildlife that rely on herring as a keystone species. The shallow draft of the *Misty Fjord* allows passengers an up-close view of stunning estuaries and bays that become spawning grounds for herring. While the specific







timing of the herring spawn changes from year to year, guests are guaranteed an exclusive and personalized journey in and around the channels and bays of the Sitka Sound area.



During the days, you may find yourself immersed in whale and other wildlife viewing or on kayak, paddleboard, and hiking excursions. In the evenings, you'll enjoy exquisite meals featuring fresh Alaska cuisine while anchored in secluded coves. After a decadent dessert, step onto the upper deck to enjoy the sunset, alpenglow, and stars while listening for the faint sounds of nearby humpback whales and the rustle of eagles settling into their nests. Upon setting sail, you'll immediately be immersed in the unparalleled natural beauty of Sitka Sound. This itinerary truly has something for everyone: jaw-dropping photography opportunities, birding and wildlife



viewing, kayak ventures, and even the possibility of witnessing the spirited and competitive commercial herring fishery.

#### **DAY 6 – RETURN TO SITKA - DISEMBARK**

The 5-night expedition comes to a close back in our home port of Sitka. Before departing, you will have another chance to enjoy more local amenities including galleries, museums, an award-winning independent bookstore, boutique shopping, an extensive trail system, yoga studios, and restaurants featuring local seafood and ocean views.







The *M/V Misty Fjord* expedition vessel was custom designed for in-depth wilderness exploration of Southeast Alaska. Her hull is based on the design of well-proven Alaska commercial fishing boats for supreme comfort and stability while sailing the waters of the Inside Passage. The onboard experience features a plush interior with elegant teak finish, aft salon, spacious wheelhouse, and outer deck engineered for optimal wildlife viewing.

2022 RATES – PER PERSON (INCL TAXES & PORT FEES)	
<b>MISTY FJORD</b> <b>ALL FIVE CABINS</b>	<b>\$3,390</b>

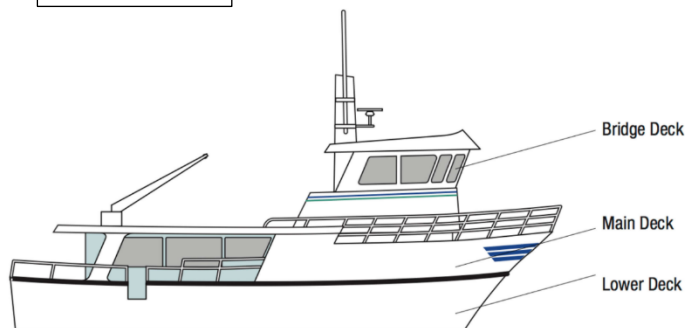
#### INCLUDED IN FARE:

Selected guest cabin facilities  
 All meals aboard the vessel, or where otherwise indicated  
 A complimentary glass of wine or beer with dinner  
 Selected shore excursions as indicated in itinerary documents  
 Ground transportation from the airport to lodgings, or ship in Sitka, Juneau, and Ketchikan upon arrival and day of sailing.  
 As well as the day of departure from the ship.  
 All standard onboard services  
 Alcohol is included with all stateroom bookings  
 Taxes and Port Fees

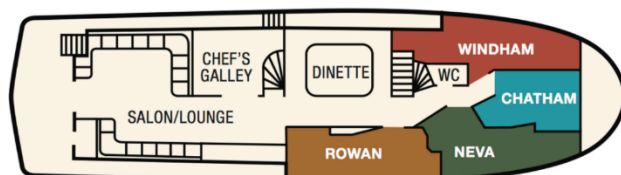
#### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

Airfare to and from your home city  
 Pre and Post Cruise hotel accommodations  
 Discretionary gratuities to crew  
 Travel and emergency evacuation insurance

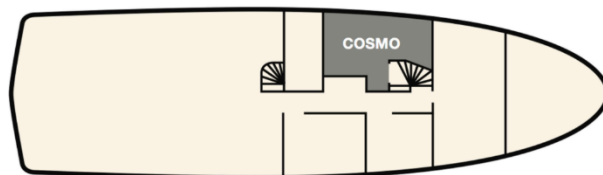
*Misty Fjord*



#### MAIN DECK



#### LOWER DECK



#### Reservations & Information

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