

# ALASKA'S FJORDS & GLACIERS



Skiff, kayak, and paddleboard through fjords and inlets as wildlife greets you from land and sea. See the Tongass National Forest as Alaskans do, by hike and bushwhack.



**DATES – 2023** – Apr 16\*, 30 | May 7\*, 21, 28\* | June 11, 18\* | July 2, 9\*, 23, 30\* | Aug 13, 20\* | Sep 3, 10\*, 24

**2024** – Apr 14\*, 28 | May 5\*, 19, 26\* | Jun 9, 16\*, 30 | Jul 7\*, 21, 28\* | Aug 11, 18\* | Sep 1, 8\*, 22

*\*Reverse Itinerary*

**DURATION** – 8 days/7 nights

**EMBARK**– Juneau, AK

**DISEMBARK** – Ketchikan, AK

**SHIPS** - M/V Wilderness Explorer

**From** - \$4,800 (Plus Port Charges \$375)



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Dawes Glacier and ice-rich Endicott Arm
- Whale watching in Frederick Sound
- Adventure exploration in Misty Fjords National Monument
- Tongass backcountry by kayak, paddle board, skiff, and hike
- Search for wildlife - bears, Sitka deer, sea lions, Eagles, mink, porpoises, and mountain goats
- Navigate winding Wrangell Narrows and Behm Canal

## ITINERARY:

### DAY 1 - Juneau, Alaska – Embarkation

Arriving in Juneau and met with a warm welcome, that's a good start. You have time to take in a bit of the city once you check in at the hospitality area. But after boarding, grab a glass of bubbly as you push off the dock. Set sail for the Endicott Arm wilderness. (D)



### DAY 2 - Endicott Arm or Tracy Arm

Take an early peek out your window. Fjord cliffs reach skyward. Floating ice. And deep u-shaped valleys. There's no abracadabra here. Mother Nature's magic is real. Cruise past harbor seals and their pups lounging on chunks of ice. At the end of Endicott, the blue face of Dawes Glacier is stories high. And in classic fjord form, Tracy Arm delivers with the cotton-candy

blue twin Sawyer Glaciers of its furthest reaches. Tides permitting, your skiff driver knows the ropes and guides you along. It's a mashup of towering walls, temperamental currents, and the Coastal Mountains. So many waterfalls. Mountain goats show off fancy footwork on the cliffs. Look for them. (BLD)



### DAY 3 – Frederick Sound

Humpbacks beeline it here each season to feed on krill, zooplankton, and herring. Watch for whales feasting in these abundant glacial waters. Hang out and enjoy the show. Based on wind and weather, your expedition team has the lineup of adventures all mapped out. Cruise past Five Fingers Lighthouse, Alaska's oldest light station and The Brothers Islands, where sea lions nap on rocky nobs. Paddle into the deeps of Port Houghton or Windham Bay or head ashore for a hike. Somewhere nearby, carrot-billed black oystercatchers are saying hello. Tonight, toast another big day in Alaska. (BLD)



#### **DAY 4 - Thomas Bay / Wrangell Narrows**

When you come this far, you might as well go all in. This is way back backcountry of Alaska's wilderness. Glacial landscapes marked by moraines, muskegs, and mud. In this playground, it's all an option today. Kayak and skiff in water almost clear as glass. The mirror image of fjord walls plays on the surface. Hike through the outwash of Baird Glacier. Or keep it green on an interpretive walk through a grassy meadow into the forest. Later, wind into the Wrangell Narrows. Abundant bright red and green navigation lights guide the way. It's nicknamed "Christmas Tree Lane," of course. (BLD)



#### **DAY 5 - Blashkee Islands**

The Blashkee Islands are your playground today. A full day of choose-your-own-adventure fun. Hiking, kayaking, skiff tours, snorkeling, and full day yak-n-whack excursions. Get ready for a full day! (BLD)



#### **DAY 6 - Behm Canal**

Wildlife abounds. Black bears, mink, eagles. In Behm Canal, it's all remote waterways and the isolated Tongass National Forest. On Cleveland Peninsula, your expedition team leads a low-elevation hike near clear, rushing streams. Good opportunities for enticing forested shots of Southeast. In the water orca, porpoises, seals, and otters go about their business. Go about yours on a guided paddle in tiny, deserted waterways that feed into Behm Canal. (BLD)

#### **DAY 7 - Misty Fjords National Monument**

There are places on the planet that completely overcome you. This is one of them. The beauty. The peace. The sense of place you feel. Misty Fjords National Monument represents nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska, and that alone is a lot to consider. Glacial valleys filled with sea water. Sheer 3,000-foot cliffs. Seabirds, brown and black bears, mountain goats, Sitka black-tailed deer, all find safe haven here. Kayak in Walker Cove or Rudyerd Bay and you find it's just as easy to paddle and go, as it is to sit and float and take it all in. Or skiff to the base of a waterfall for a fjord-released shower. The area's affectionate nickname, "The Yosemite of the North," is deserved, and it's an amazing wrap to your week. Your captain joins you tonight for a Farewell Dinner. Celebrate and reminisce about your Alaskan journey with a "photo journal" by your crew. (BLD)



#### **DAY 8 - Ketchikan, Alaska – Disembarkation**

After breakfast this morning, bid adieu to your new pals before you disembark and transfer to the Ketchikan airport or begin your hotel stay or land tour. (B)



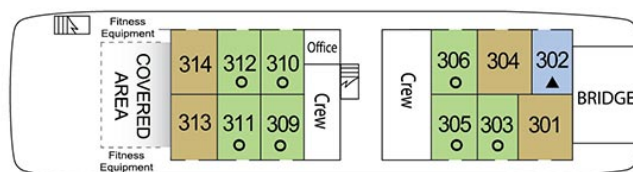
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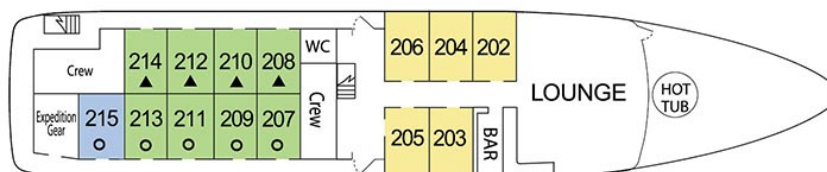
RATES – Wilderness Explorer - 2023 – Apr 16 – Sep 24					
2023 DATES	NAVIGATOR	TRAILBLAZER	PATHFINDER	ADMIRAL	SINGLE
Apr 16; Sep 24	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$5,800	\$6,500	\$7,200
Apr 30	\$5,300	\$5,900	\$6,400	\$7,200	\$8,000
May 07; Sep 10	\$5,800	\$6,500	\$7,100	\$8,000	\$8,700
May 21 - Sep 03	\$6,300	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$8,600	\$9,500
2024 DATES					
Apr 14; Sep 22	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$5,800	\$6,500	\$7,200
Apr 28	\$5,300	\$5,900	\$6,900	\$7,200	\$8,000
May 05; Sep 08	\$5,800	\$6,500	\$7,100	\$8,000	\$8,700
May 19 – Sep 01	\$6,300	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$8,600	\$9,500

**RATES INCLUDE:** All onboard meals; premium spirits, wine, microbrews; non-alcoholic beverages; exclusive transfers and baggage handling between airport/vessel on embark/disembark days; entry fees to national parks/preserves; all from-the-boat adventure activities and equipment; wellness program: hot tub, fitness equipment, yoga mats.

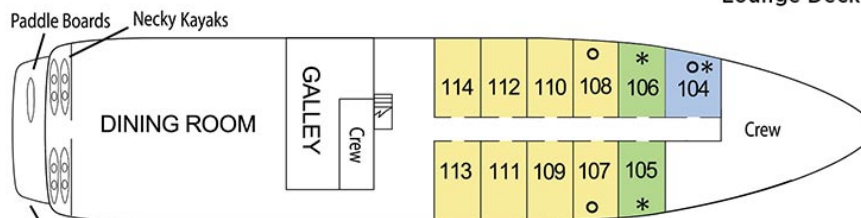
**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:** Port charges of \$375 per person; Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Airfare; Luggage, trip cancellation and Emergency Evacuation Insurance; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Staff gratuities; fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings; Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.



Sun Deck



Lounge Deck



Main Deck

Swim Step and Kayak Launch Platform



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