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*An Intimate Small-Ship Voyage Through the Fabled Inside Passage of Southeast Alaska*



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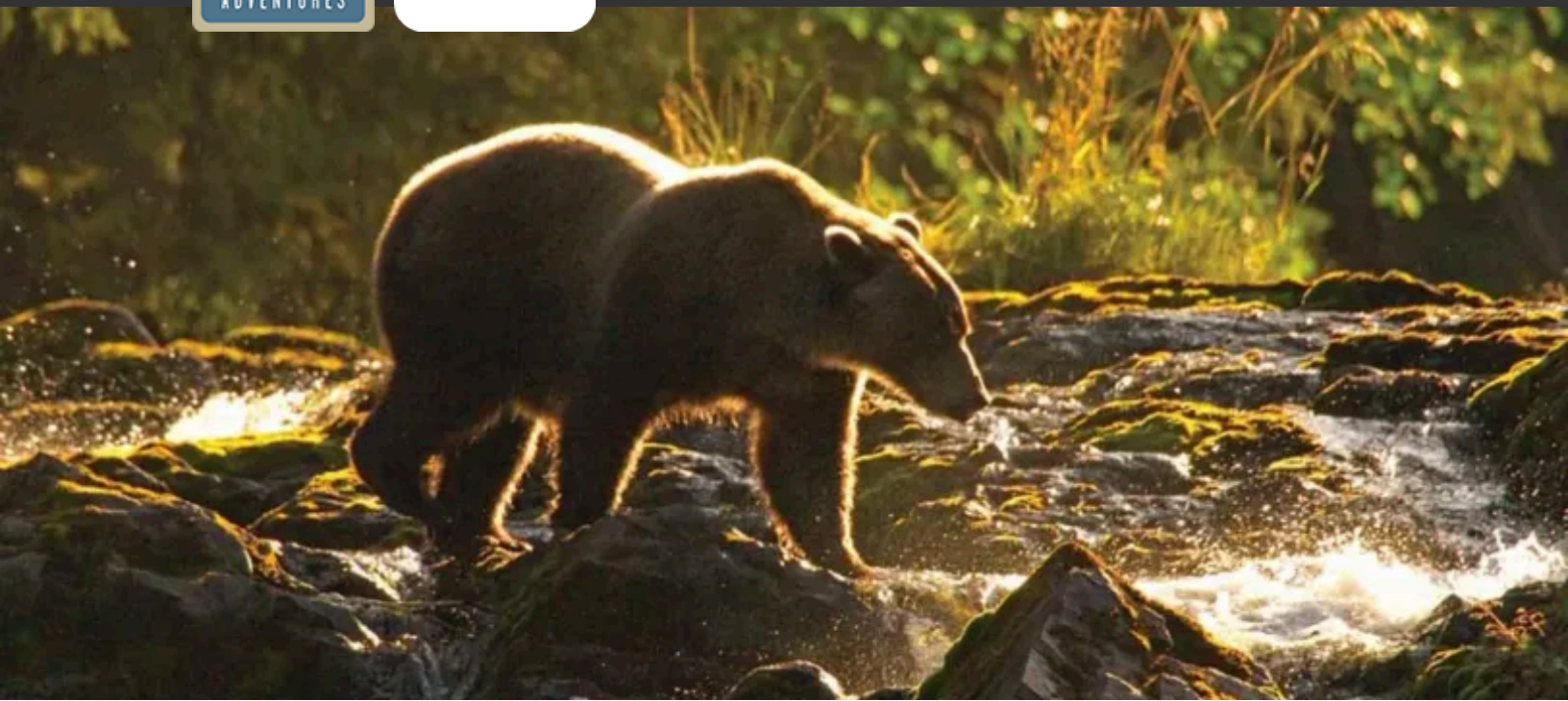
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## Trip Details:

**Days**  
8 Days / May–Sep

**Price**  
From \$6516

**Physical Requirements**  
Easy to Moderate

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Where can you wake to the cry of a bald eagle, watch tons of ice crash from the face of a glacier, walk among old-growth spruce and cedars, and observe whales lunge feeding, perhaps in a single day? It's all here in Southeast Alaska, a maze of icy fjords and forested islands where wildlife abounds. Our Alaska adventure cruise is an epic journey through this vast marine wilderness, far from big cruise ship crowds. These voyages aboard compact *National Geographic* expedition ships showcase the tranquil channels of the Inside Passage and the geologic time capsule that is Glacier Bay. Join naturalist guides to wander through temperate rain forest, watch whales, seals and seabirds, and identify wildflowers. Forays by kayak and Zodiac in protected waters offer exhilarating wildlife encounters. Learn, too, about Southeast Alaska's rich Native heritage.

*Interested in a shorter voyage? Check out Lindblad's 6-day Alaska itineraries, and !*

## Trip Highlights

**Weave through secluded channels in Alaska's sheltered Inside Passage, exploring remote wilderness realms inaccessible to big cruise ships**

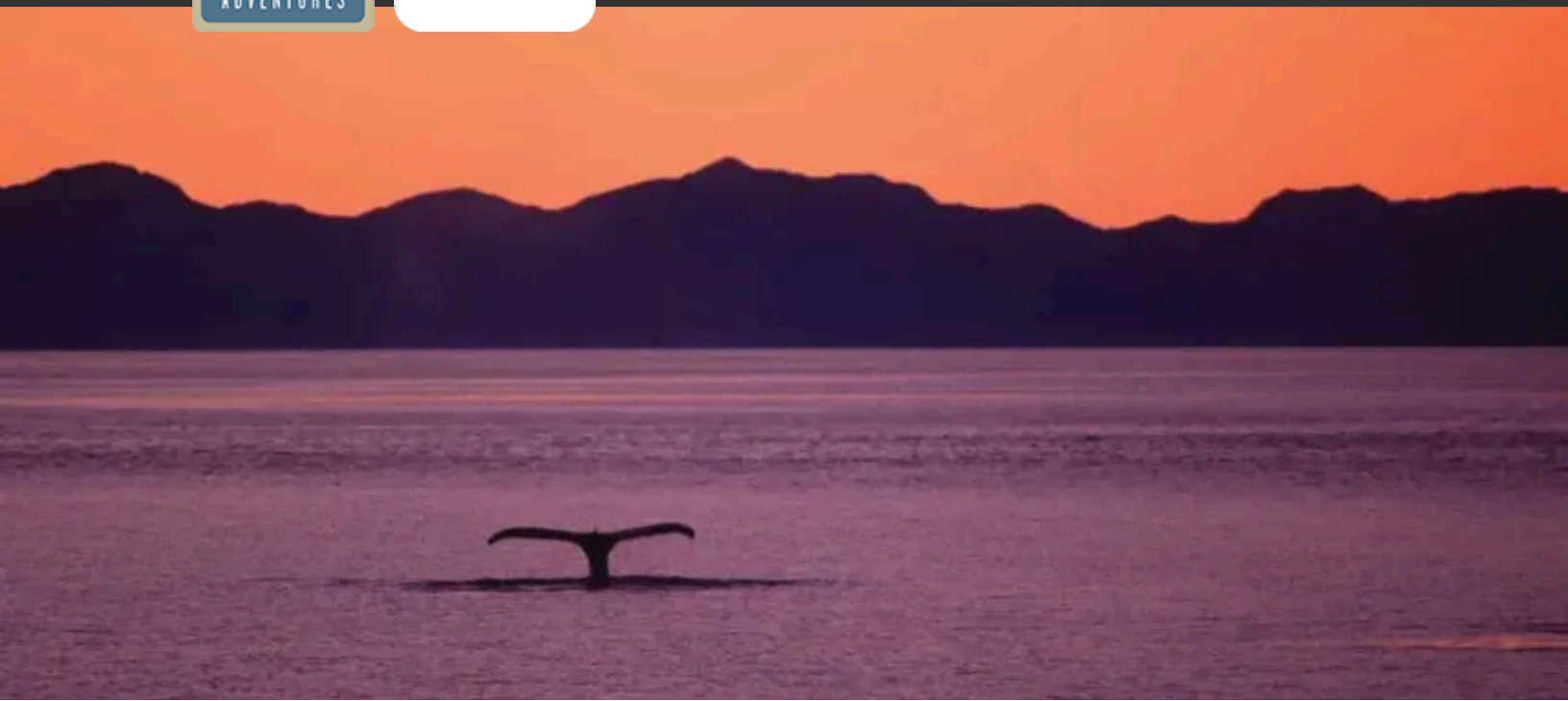
**From the ship's deck, scout for humpback whales, Dall's porpoise, sea lions and mountain goats as we explore Glacier Bay National Park**

**Paddle protected waters among remote uninhabited islands, looking for bears on shore and bald eagles in the tops of Sitka spruce and cedars**





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## Itinerary At A Glance

### Day 1

Juneau, Alaska—Embark Ship

### Day 2

Tracy Arm-Fords Terror  
Wilderness

### Day 3

Petersburg

### Day 4

Frederick Sound / Chatham Strait

### Day 5

Icy Strait & the Inian Islands

### Day 6

Glacier Bay National Park

### Day 7

Southeast Alaska's Islands, Bays &  
Fjords

## Alaska's Inside Passage Itinerary

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### Day 1: Juneau, Alaska—Embark Ship

Your small-ship Alaska adventure begins in Juneau. Before embarkation, a visit is included to the Alaska State Museum for an introduction to the 49th state, whose name in the Aleut language means "The Great Land." The museum's permanent collection focuses on Alaska's Native peoples and natural history. Transfer to the pier this afternoon to board the ship, with time to settle in to your cabin before dinner is served. Later this evening, enjoy a music and slideshow presentation by a local entertainer, or, if you prefer, take a few hours on your own to explore the lively port city of Juneau. Downtown Juneau is steps from the harbor and offers a wide array of restaurants, bars and boutiques, with many selling arts, crafts and food products unique to Alaska. Be sure you're back on board in plenty of time for our 11 pm departure as we set sail for the icy wilderness of Tracy Arm.





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### Itinerary At A Glance

#### Day 8

Sitka—Disembark / Transfer to  
Airport / Depart

#### Day 2: Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness

Early this morning the ship enters Tracy Arm, a narrow fjord with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls that rise 3,000 feet into low-hanging clouds. Step out on deck to survey the magnificent scenery as you scout for harbor seals, porpoises, Arctic terns and Bonaparte gulls. At the head of the inlet we reach Sawyer Glacier, noted for the deep blue color of its ice. Zodiac excursions take us closer to the glacier's face, where we hear the loud cracks and booms of calving ice. Keep an eye out for mountain goats scaling the steep granite cliffs above. There may be a chance to stop at a wild beach for some kayaking or a peaceful walk through the forest, admiring tiny wildflowers and ripening berries.

#### Day 3: Petersburg

Visit Petersburg on Mitkof Island, a town of 3,500 founded over a century ago by Norwegian fishermen. The waters here are rich in crab, shrimp and pink salmon. This evening, a local fishing family visits the ship to share stories of their life in Petersburg. There is an opportunity to stretch your legs with an optional bike ride around the town. This evening, enjoy a crab fest.

#### Day 4: Frederick Sound / Chatham Strait

These waters are prime habitat for both orcas and humpback whales, and it's not uncommon to see groups of up to 30 at a time. There's plenty of time to observe fascinating behavior—breaching, tail-slapping and feeding modes—as the captain keeps the ship positioned for the best views. Guests congregate on deck while listening to play-by-play interpretation from the ship's team of expert naturalists. You may also see sea lions hauled out on the rocks, dozing by the dozens. And keep an eye out for bald eagles atop tall Sitka spruce trees, surveying the water for fish to prey upon. Once ashore, walk along a quiet forest trail with naturalist guides, learning about the temperate rain forest ecosystem distinctive to Southeast Alaska. These still waters are excellent for kayaking, offering another option for appreciating these lush environs up close.

#### Day 5: Icy Strait & the Inian Islands

Icy Strait separates Chichagof Island from the Alaskan mainland. The Inian Islands lie scattered in the strait's westernmost waters, comprising an uninhabited wilderness that breaks the Pacific Ocean's strong tides. Icy Strait's rich waters draw abundant marine life, including orca and humpback whales, seals, otters and Dall's porpoise, plus an abundance of Steller sea lions at home in the islands. Watch whales surface as the ship's naturalists lower the hydrophone to let us listen in on their undersea communications. Cruising, hiking and kayaking offer a chance to explore shorelines rich with birdlife, including murrelets, gulls, terns and bald eagles, and forests that shelter brown bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, marten, mink and land otter.



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### Day 6: Glacier Bay National Park

Spend a full day cruising in Glacier Bay National Park, surveying the mosaic of inlets, coves, glaciers and ice-capped peaks that comprise this renowned wilderness. In one of Alaska's most iconic landscapes, cruise to the face of tidewater glaciers that end abruptly at water's edge, and wait patiently to observe "calving," when a giant slab of ice falls from the face and crashes into the sea with a thunderous boom. Wildlife abounds in Glacier Bay, and we may see harbor seals, Steller sea lions and mountain goats scaling the rock walls. There's also a good chance to spot both horned and tufted puffins. A visit to Tidal Inlet may reveal a glimpse of brown bears on the hillside or on the shoreline.

### Day 7: Southeast Alaska's Islands, Bays & Fjords

Nature is the ship's guide today as we sail with no specific itinerary, the captain choosing the best course as conditions dictate. We may stop at an isolated beach to look into tide pools, do some beachcombing and wander forest trails. At high summer, the forest floor is often carpeted with wildflowers. Later, walking ashore on one of area's many islands, keep an eye out for old bear tracks worn into the soil in the open meadows. This is home turf for the massive brown bears Alaska is famous for—the world's largest coastal grizzly. It is also home to the world's highest density of nesting bald eagles. If conditions permit, a paddling excursion offers an eye-level view of the rich marine life.

### Day 8: Sitka—Disembark / Transfer to Airport / Depart

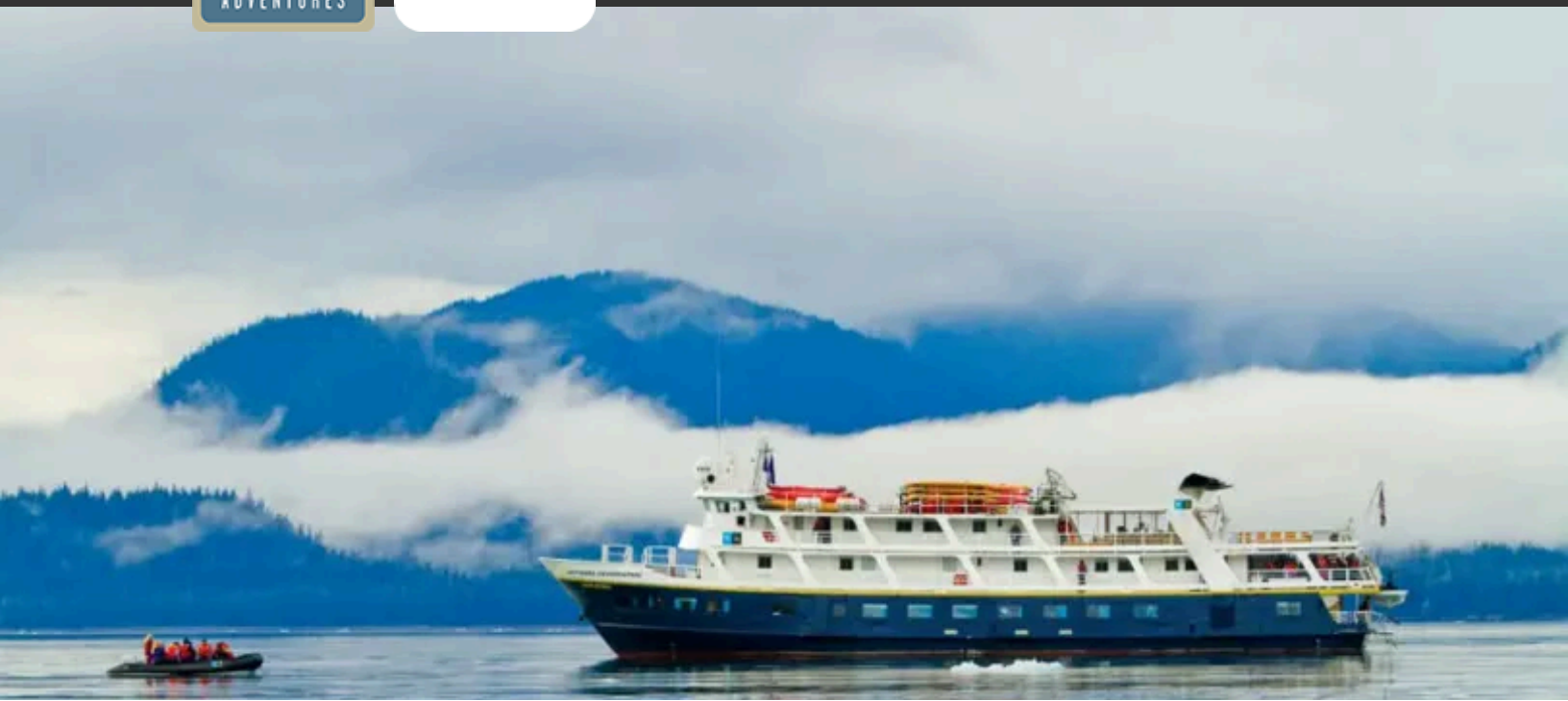
After breakfast, disembark in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only town that sits directly on the ocean, among a scenic scattering of small islands. In the local Tlingit language, Sitka means "the village behind the island." It has been home to indigenous cultures for thousands of years, but its Russian heritage endures, a legacy from the fur trading enterprise that dominated the region in the 18th and 19th centuries. Russian influence is on apparent in St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, with its distinctive onion domes, in the center of town. Sitka's Native heritage is equally vivid in the grand totem poles that line the wooded trails through Sitka National Historic Park. At the Raptor Rehabilitation Center, get close-up views of species normally seen at a distance in the wild—bald eagles, hawks, falcons and owls. After lunch, your Southeast Alaska cruise concludes as you disembark in Sitka's harbor, backdropped by the volcanic peak of Mount Edgecumbe. A transfer to the airport is included to meet departing flights.

**Please Note:** *This itinerary should serve as a guideline only; actual stops are determined by weather, wildlife activity, and a host of other factors in order to provide the safest and best possible experience. This flexibility is what makes traveling on Lindblad's small expedition ships so much more rewarding than a large vessel with a locked-in voyage plan. Some itineraries travel in reverse.*

*The National Park Service, Department of Interior authorizes Lindblad Expeditions as a Concessioner to provide Tour Vessel Services within Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.*



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## Accommodation Details:

### National Geographic Quest

### National Geographic Venture

For detailed descriptions, visit [nathab.com/adventure-cruises/exploring-alaskas-coastal-wilderness/ships](http://nathab.com/adventure-cruises/exploring-alaskas-coastal-wilderness/ships)

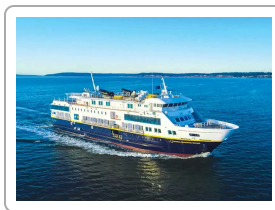
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### National Geographic Quest

Built in 2017, this state-of-the-art expedition vessel is designed to navigate coastal waters where wildlife congregates, facilitating viewing from an open bow, spacious sundecks and 50 luxurious outside cabins.



### National Geographic Venture

Built in 2017, this sister ship to *Quest* incorporates state-of-the-art features and technology including a panoramic windows and an open bow for wildlife watching, and ample expedition tools.



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## Sail with the World Leader in Conservation-Focused Small Ship Cruising

We're proud to offer a worldwide slate of Adventure Cruises through our partner, Lindblad Expeditions. Nat Hab joined forces with Lindblad in 2016 to expand our mutual collection of nature adventures. Founded in 1958 by Lars-Eric Lindblad, the company pioneered eco-conscious expeditions for "citizen explorers" and today is the world leader in conservation-focused small-ship cruises. Our Adventure Specialists are intimately familiar with the ships and itineraries and are on call to answer any questions you might have.

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### Unparalleled Experience in Alaska Small-Ship Cruising

Lindblad's expedition ships have been cruising Alaskan waters for over 35 years, exploring and revealing wild places accessible only to small, nimble ships like these. The captain and crew are experts in locating whales and other marine life and positioning the ship for intimate viewing experiences. It's easy to change course for a sighting, or observe wildlife up close from Zodiacs when conditions permit. A small ship with fewer passengers makes all the difference when it comes to a genuine experience of Alaska's coastal wilderness.

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### Onboard Naturalists Foster Richer Wildlife Engagement

The ship's naturalist staff offers interpretive insight into the multitude of wildlife you'll encounter, from breaching whales and bald eagles to Steller sea lions and foraging brown bears. Learn about marine biology, evolutionary biology, ornithology and more from a diverse slate of engaging experts. Each voyage sails with an Expedition Leader and five veteran naturalists, with a staff-to-guest ratio of 1:10, plus flexibility for guided kayaking, hiking and exploring by Zodiac. In addition, research scientists from the Lindblad-National Geographic-funded Alaska Whale Foundation come aboard to enhance guests' whale-watching experiences.

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### Experience the World Beneath the Sea—a Lindblad Exclusive!

Lindblad guests see what few ever witness, traveling with an undersea specialist who dives from 40-80 feet with high-intensity lights and an HD video camera to capture the surprisingly colorful marine life of Southeast Alaskan waters. View this fascinating footage on plasma screens in the comfort of the lounge for a deeper sense of Alaska's natural wonders. This Alaskan undersea program is exclusive to Lindblad's expedition voyages.

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### Enjoy Special Access and New Perspectives in Glacier Bay

Lindblad's special permit from the National Park Service allows the ship to spend an entire day inside Glacier Bay National Park, the crown jewel of Southeast Alaska. In addition, permits from the U.S. Forest Service enable the ship's naturalists to lead excursions into wild and remote areas of the Tongass National Forest.





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### A Suite of Tools to Enhance Exploration

Single and double kayaks, plus a fleet of Zodiacs, let us explore remote locales for up-close discoveries. Paddle past nesting birds and lounging sea lions, watch seals bob at eye level off your bow, or just enjoy the silence. Shoreline cruises aboard Zodiacs are perfect for relaxed exploration with a naturalist's narration, and the ideal platform for photography. The ship's hydrophone lets you listen in on whales, while a video microscope reveals invisible facets of life. High-quality binoculars are always on hand for abundant wildlife sightings.

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### Shipboard Life Offers an Ideal Family Adventure

Lindblad's exclusive family explorer program was developed in conjunction with National Geographic Education to provide a field experience for guests under 18 that is both enlightening and fun. Learn about glaciers by making ice cream sundaes, or use glacial ice to paint water colors. Kids have direct contact with wildlife and wonders on land and in the sea during daily activities, learn to be multimedia storytellers about their discoveries, and build a field notebook to document daily observations.

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### Get Expert Photography Guidance

A Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor accompanies each expedition, joining guests for hikes on centuries-old bear trails and forest boardwalks built over bogs, and aboard Zodiacs that float past icebergs for a closer look at glaciers. This veteran naturalist is specially trained to assist you with camera settings and the basic elements of framing, composition and lighting. You'll capture extraordinary images and go home a better, more confident photographer.

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### We're Committed to the Planet

Natural Habitat Adventures is a standard-setter in eco-conscious travel. We were the world's first 100% carbon-neutral travel company. And we continue to break innovative ground in adopting practices that help to protect our global environment. Because of our concern for the environment, we are pleased to partner with Lindblad Expeditions for our Adventure Cruises, a company that shares our values and commitment to the planet.

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### Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our environmental commitment and the outstanding quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund has chosen Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation we're very proud of! When you book your Lindblad Expeditions cruise with us, a portion of your trip fee supports WWF.



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## Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:**  
From \$6516

**Group Size:**  
Limited to 100 Travelers

**Physical Requirements:**  
Easy to Moderate

## Alaska's Inside Passage Dates, Pricing & Info

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### 2025 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 19, 2025	Jul 26, 2025	
Jul 20, 2025	Jul 27, 2025	
Jul 26, 2025	Aug 2, 2025	
Jul 27, 2025	Aug 3, 2025	
Aug 2, 2025	Aug 9, 2025	
Aug 3, 2025	Aug 10, 2025	
Aug 9, 2025	Aug 16, 2025	
Aug 10, 2025	Aug 17, 2025	
Aug 16, 2025	Aug 23, 2025	
Aug 17, 2025	Aug 24, 2025	
Aug 23, 2025	Aug 30, 2025	



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Departure	Return	Notes
Aug 24, 2025	Aug 31, 2025	
Aug 30, 2025	Sep 6, 2025	
Aug 31, 2025	Sep 7, 2025	
Sep 6, 2025	Sep 13, 2025	
Sep 7, 2025	Sep 14, 2025	

## 2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 9, 2026	May 16, 2026	
May 10, 2026	May 17, 2026	
May 16, 2026	May 23, 2026	
May 17, 2026	May 24, 2026	
May 23, 2026	May 30, 2026	
May 24, 2026	May 31, 2026	
May 30, 2026	Jun 6, 2026	
May 31, 2026	Jun 7, 2026	
Jun 6, 2026	Jun 13, 2026	
Jun 7, 2026	Jun 14, 2026	
Jun 13, 2026	Jun 20, 2026	
Jun 14, 2026	Jun 21, 2026	
Jun 20, 2026	Jun 27, 2026	
Jun 21, 2026	Jun 28, 2026	
Jun 27, 2026	Jul 4, 2026	
Jun 28, 2026	Jul 5, 2026	
Jul 4, 2026	Jul 11, 2026	



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### Prices:

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### Physical

### Requirements:

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Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 5, 2026	Jul 12, 2026	
Jul 11, 2026	Jul 18, 2026	
Jul 12, 2026	Jul 19, 2026	
Jul 18, 2026	Jul 25, 2026	
Jul 19, 2026	Jul 26, 2026	
Jul 25, 2026	Aug 1, 2026	
Jul 26, 2026	Aug 2, 2026	
Aug 1, 2026	Aug 8, 2026	
Aug 2, 2026	Aug 9, 2026	
Aug 8, 2026	Aug 15, 2026	
Aug 9, 2026	Aug 16, 2026	
Aug 15, 2026	Aug 22, 2026	
Aug 16, 2026	Aug 23, 2026	
Aug 22, 2026	Aug 29, 2026	
Aug 23, 2026	Aug 30, 2026	
Aug 29, 2026	Sep 5, 2026	
Aug 30, 2026	Sep 6, 2026	
Sep 5, 2026	Sep 12, 2026	
Sep 6, 2026	Sep 13, 2026	
Sep 12, 2026	Sep 19, 2026	
Sep 13, 2026	Sep 20, 2026	
Sep 19, 2026	Sep 26, 2026	

## 2027 Departures





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## Dates & Pricing Summary:

### Prices:

From \$6516

### Group Size:

Limited to 100  
Travelers

### Physical

### Requirements:

Easy to Moderate

Departure	Return	Notes
May 9, 2027	May 16, 2027	
May 15, 2027	May 22, 2027	
May 16, 2027	May 23, 2027	
May 22, 2027	May 29, 2027	
May 23, 2027	May 30, 2027	
May 29, 2027	Jun 5, 2027	
May 30, 2027	Jun 6, 2027	
Jun 5, 2027	Jun 12, 2027	
Jun 6, 2027	Jun 13, 2027	
Jun 12, 2027	Jun 19, 2027	
Jun 13, 2027	Jun 20, 2027	
Jun 19, 2027	Jun 26, 2027	
Jun 20, 2027	Jun 27, 2027	
Jun 26, 2027	Jul 3, 2027	
Jun 27, 2027	Jul 4, 2027	
Jul 3, 2027	Jul 10, 2027	
Jul 4, 2027	Jul 11, 2027	
Jul 10, 2027	Jul 17, 2027	
Jul 11, 2027	Jul 18, 2027	
Jul 17, 2027	Jul 24, 2027	
Jul 18, 2027	Jul 25, 2027	
Jul 24, 2027	Jul 31, 2027	
Jul 25, 2027	Aug 1, 2027	
Jul 31, 2027	Aug 7, 2027	



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Departure	Return	Notes
Aug 1, 2027	Aug 8, 2027	
Aug 7, 2027	Aug 14, 2027	
Aug 8, 2027	Aug 15, 2027	
Aug 14, 2027	Aug 21, 2027	
Aug 15, 2027	Aug 22, 2027	
Aug 21, 2027	Aug 28, 2027	
Aug 22, 2027	Aug 29, 2027	
Aug 28, 2027	Sep 4, 2027	
Aug 29, 2027	Sep 5, 2027	
Sep 5, 2027	Sep 12, 2027	
Sep 11, 2027	Sep 18, 2027	
Sep 12, 2027	Sep 19, 2027	
Sep 18, 2027	Sep 25, 2027	
Sep 19, 2027	Sep 26, 2027	
Sep 25, 2027	Oct 2, 2027	



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## Pricing

### 2025 Prices

*Note that pricing is subject to change and may vary based on availability. For per-departure pricing, hover your cursor over the dates above (desktop) or tap the date of your choosing (mobile).*

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars. A deposit of **15%** of the cabin fare is required to reserve your space.

**Please read Lindblad's Payment & Refund Policy [here](#).**



## Included

All accommodations aboard ships or in hotels per itinerary or similar, meals from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on final day, excursions, park and entrance fees, use of kayaks, taxes and service charges, and services of Lindblad Expeditions' leader.

## Not Included

Air transportation, voyage DVD, items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, emails, etc., discretionary tips to naturalist staff and crew, optional travel and/or medical evacuation insurance.

## Recommended Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we strongly recommend that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. While this is not required, we make this strong suggestion in the interest of our guests' safety. We recommend that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

## Physical Requirements

### *Easy to Moderate*

This adventure does not require a high degree of physical fitness; however, should you choose to participate in every activity, you will be required to climb into and out of Zodiac-style expedition landing crafts and kayaks from the ship. Please be prepared for water landings and a series of short walks over potentially wet, muddy, uneven terrain. Kayaking will be an option available to guests. It is easy to learn, and we expect that most of our guests have little or no experience. It does, however, take an adventurous spirit.



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## Important Information About This Trip

*National Geographic Sea Bird* departures will have a modified itinerary and will not be calling on Glacier Bay National Park. Guests will instead explore the rarely visited outer bays—either Dundas Bay or Fern Harbor—with opportunities for naturalist-led coastal hikes looking for evidence of moose or wolves, kayaking into secluded coves, or cruising around sea stacks via Zodiac.

This Alaskan cruise is a family-friendly journey that offers Lindblad's signature Global Explorer's Program for guests under 18 to enjoy an educational, interactive experience in the field.

## Getting There & Getting Home

Arrive in Juneau or Sitka early afternoon on Day 1 for an afternoon city tour (some departures travel from Juneau to Sitka and others operate in the reverse direction). Embarkation is at 5:30 pm. Disembarkation is at 8:00 am on the final day, and group transfers usually arrive at the airport about noon.

We can best serve you by having Lindblad Expeditions' air department book your flights, since Lindblad is most familiar with the special requirements of each trip. Please call Lindblad directly at 800-397-3348. Note that while Lindblad Expeditions' air department will offer you its best available rates on airfare, you may find better fares online.





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## Extension Details:

**Denali National Park Extension**  
\$9300

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\$9300

**Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari**  
\$17795

**Alaska's Grizzly Ship: Kodiak to Katmai**  
\$10995

## Alaska's Inside Passage Extensions

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### Denali National Park Extension

Before or after your Southeast Alaska voyage, immerse yourself in wilderness on the grandest of scales, with 4 nights at a remote backcountry lodge.

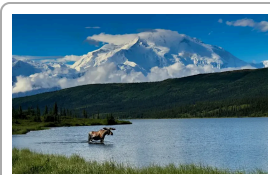
**\$9300**



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**\$9300**



### Ultimate Alaska Wildlife Safari

See more of wild Alaska on this wide-ranging, small-group adventure including Alaskan brown bears, a fly-in backcountry lodge in Denali National Park, marine life of Kenai Fjords, and the scenic Alaska Railroad to Seward.

**\$17795 (+air)**



### Alaska's Grizzly Ship: Kodiak to Katmai



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An exclusive small-ship adventure to view giant brown bears—the world's largest "coastal grizzlies"—up close! Walk the shores as bears dig for clams, forage for sedges and pursue salmon in season in tidal streams.

**\$10995** (+air)

