

ALASKA'S GLACIER COUNTRY

7 NIGHTS | JUNEAU, ALASKA


UnCruise
ADVENTURES

New 2023 - 2024
Activities

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- One day in Glacier Bay National Park
- Get close up to glaciers: Dawes, Margerie, and Grand Pacific
- Bushwhack in the Tongass National Forest
- Fords Terror Wilderness Area by skiff and hike inland on Chichagof Island
- Humpback whales in Frederick Sound and Stephens Passage
- Wildlife searches: black and brown bears, eagles, sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions, sea birds
- Kayak, paddleboard, and skiff remote inlets
- Beachcombing, tide pool, and forest ecology discoveries



DAY 1 JUNEAU EMBARKATION

Hello, Juneau! First settled in the gold rush days, Juneau welcomes with both small town charm and towering glaciers. Toast to the riches of Alaska as you sail west toward Icy Strait. (D)

DAY 2 ICY STRAIT

Kick start the morning with on-deck yoga stretches and a strong cup of coffee. Energized and snug in your kayak, glide around in remote bays off of Icy Strait through giant bullwhip kelp that can grow to over 100 feet long. Join the gang in a skiff to a rocky outcropping to watch sea lions play. Or, step into mud boots for a forest hike with your top-notch, naturalist guides who have plenty to share about everything Alaska—marine biology, plants, and even geology. On board, soak it all in as you soak in the hot tub. Tonight, Safari Quest sails into Glacier Bay National Park with a special early entry permit only available on this itinerary. (BLD)

DAY 3 GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

You're in for a real treat. Have your binoculars handy—South Marble Island is a birder's slice of heaven. Puffins scoot through the water. Guillemots and gulls chatter up the airwaves. The snoozing sea lions don't seem to mind. More thrills and chills await as you cruise to the far end of Johns Hopkins Inlet or Tarr Inlet where glaciers calve into the water. Backed by knife-edged peaks, bears forage along the shoreline of Tidal Inlet. Mountain goats too. Back at Bartlett Cove, if time and daylight allow, take a forest hike around the park's HQ. (BLD)

DAY 4 ADMIRALTY ISLAND NATIONAL MONUMENT

At Admiralty Island National Monument kayak, skiff, and weave in and out of the bays and islets keeping your eyes out for Alaska brown bears and nesting bald eagles. Tlingit call the island Kootznoowoo, meaning "Fortress of the Bear", and Admiralty Island has a higher density of bald eagles than all the other states combined. After another big day, pop up to the bridge to look over charts with your captain and mates. (BLD)



Vaccination, including booster required.

DAY 5 FREDERICK SOUND

You'll enjoy humpback whales and pods who feed here seasonally on krill, zooplankton, and herring. Watch for whales feasting in these abundant glacial waters. 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. Tonight, toast another big day in Alaska. (BLD)

DAY 6 WINDHAM BAY & STEPHENS PASSAGE

Humpback and orca are frequent visitors of this Southeast passage. A misty spout is a sure sign they're in the neighborhood. Your captain navigates Wyndham Bay and Stephens Passage. And you're in for a boot-sucking, paddle-smacking day of adventure with your guide team. The routes are all picked out. Make your choice and make your move. Slip off the kayak launch and take it slow spotting sea stars and shore birds. Hard chargers take a long wild paddle to the salt chuck at the back of the inlet. It's a landscape of hanging waterfalls and shades of green. (BLD)

DAY 7 ENDICOTT ARM / DAWES GLACIER

Skiffing up Endicott Arm, harbor seals laze around on icebergs. If the tides are right, slip into Fords Terror, the steep walls of this narrow opening streaked with waterfalls. Back in the Arm, gasp at the deep glacier-carved valleys. It's at the end where you meet the piece de resistance: Dawes Glacier. Blue ice marches down from the Coast Mountains. With a sharp crack, the white thunder of a calving slice makes a mega-splash. Tonight, celebrate with a festive Farewell Dinner and "photo journal" from your expedition team. (BLD)

DAY 8 JUNEAU DISEMBARKATION

Mmmm, fresh baked pastries over one last breakfast. Your crew and new friends wish heartfelt goodbyes. This morning, transfer to the Juneau airport or begin your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience. Passport required (non USA citizens).

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7-Nights Roundtrip Juneau, Alaska

