

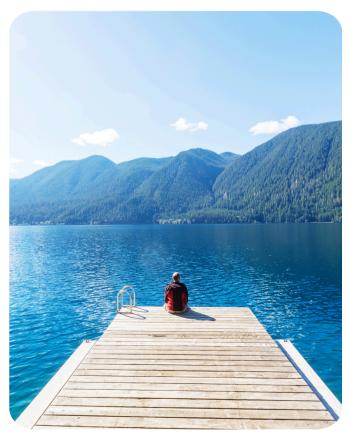
# Inside Passage with Olympic National Park & 2 Days in Glacier Bay

12 Nights | Juneau to Seattle

- 🗸 Explore Margerie & Grand Pacific Glaciers
- ✓ Wildlife sightings: bears, otters, seals, & more
- ✓ Whale watching in Icy Strait or Chatham Strait
- Outdoor activities: kayaking, hiking, beachcombing
- ✓ Visit South Marble Island: bird and sea lions

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# Day 1: Juneau, Alaska Embarkation

The smell of the sea hits you as you walk down the gangway to the ship. Welcome aboard and meet your captain and crew as you familiarize yourself with your home for the next week. In the lounge, a welcome cocktail and Champagne toast await you as you prepare for the grand stories yet to be written about the coming week. As we push off the dock, get out on deck with a pair of binoculars (there is a pair in your cabin for your use this week) and start the search for spouts! (D)

## **Day 2: Glacier Bay National Park**

This national park covers 3.3 million acres. Most visitors see the same sliver of the park as everyone else. Not you. There's a cool factor, and it's not just coming off the face of the glaciers! This was covered by ice as recently as 1795. Since then, the park's receding glacier activity has made it easier to access those inner reaches. Glacial history, retreats, advances, moraines. They come with expert insight from your onboard naturalists, so bring on the questions. Pigeon guillemots, puffins, common murres, and cormorants colonize and nest at South Marble Island. One good whiff and a few loud barks give away one of its mammalian residents—Steller's sea lions. It's a full day in the bay exploring Muir's legacy—all the way to Grand Pacific and Margerie Glaciers. Celebrate with a toast to nature's handiwork. (BLD)

# **Day 3: Glacier Bay National Park Continued**

Today is day two in the park, and you're going the furthest and exploring parts that 99% of visitors never go to. Hike the outwash field of glaciers winding down the Fairweather Mountain Range. The cool breeze off the nearby snow and icefields is energizing. If you motor over to Tidal Inlet, keep your eye out for bears, humpbacks, and if you're lucky, a wolf sighting. Kayak the bay. Bushwhack into the forest. (BLD)

# Day 4: Icy Strait Whale Search

Bull whip kelp threads through nearby channels like deep, twisted mangroves. And you know better, but orange and purple starfish and jellyfish make it hard to believe you're not in the tropics. Follow the currents out to where the sea lions flock to remote rock formations. Your captain is on the bridge, the expedition team on deck, and all eyes are on the water and the shore. Everyone is on-watch for the telltale blow of humpbacks. Come closer to the shoreline by skiff, kayak, or on foot. Sometimes the smallest things are the biggest wonders. Take in the evening solitude from the bow, or the hot tub. Or both—why choose just one? (BLD)

# **Day 5: Chichagof Island**

Spend some time on the bow as you glide through glacier-carved fjords along the Chichagof coast. Then anchor for more activities. Time to lower the kayaks and skiffs and get up close and personal with a sea otter or wildlife watching from your kayak. Camera in hand, set off on land and sea explorations. Closer inspection by skiff, moss dripping trees run right down to the water. Any bears in there? With one of the world's largest populations of bears, it's possible. Go searching for giant trees and tidal pools. Hiking in the Tongass, it won't take long to find them. Your eagle-eyed guides lead the pack—and pull up the rear. (BLD)

# **Day 6: Thomas Bay & Wrangell Narrows**

When you come this far, you'll want to keep going. This is the way back - backcountry of Alaska's wilderness seldom seen. Glacial landscapes marked by moraines, mud and a lush Forest. This day is for you to choose your own adventure: kayak or even paddle board in calm protected waters, hike to find a snow-melt waterfall in Cascade Creek. Whatever you decide, you'll definitely have bragging rights when you return home. (BLD)

#### Day 7: Ketchikan

In Ketchikan, connect with the Tlingit Culture. Tribal leader and local legend Joe Williams, known as Ka Xesh X'e in his native language, guides you on a walking tour. With a rich oral tradition, the Tlingit passed stories from generation to generation—and Joe's storytelling is captivating! Amble through the surrounding forest on a moderate to easy trail or challenge yourself to a hard-charger hike along trails and boardwalks past cedar, spruce, streams, and waterfalls. (BLD)

## **Day 8: 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. Sea birds, 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. (BLD)

## Day 9: Canada's Inside Passage

Today you sail out of Alaska's Inside Passage and into Canada's. You will head south for the next couple days. Check out the bridge - it's an ideal spot to look for whales and other wildlife. See what the crew has in store today. Maybe a cooking or cocktail demonstration or a galley tour. Or maybe learn more about navigation from the crew and try your hand at tying knots! (BLD)

#### **Day 10: Canada's Inside Passage Continues**

Take your cup of joe to the bow and watch the world wake up with you. Bald eagles watch the ship along its course from treetops. Islands to the west, inlet-etched mainland to the east. Your captain and mates navigate twisting passages. Harbor seals spend their days on rocky islets. Breathe in the fresh air and take in miles of forested wilderness. In the lounge, your bartender mixes up the daily special. Take the challenge and play a few friendly hands of cards with your shipmate. (BLD)

# Day 11: Canada's Inside Passage Towards Washington

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# **Day 12: Olympic National Park**

Hike in Olympic National Park—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—surrounded by rainforest, old growth forest, and top of the world 360-degree views. Visit Lake Crescent, an iconic landmark that was formed during the last Ice Age by glaciers carving out the surrounding valleys. Gaze into the crystal-clear water and enjoy views of the surrounding mountains and forests. (BLD)

# Day 13: Seattle, Washington Disembarkation

Ah, the Emerald City! Check-in at the hospitality area and later, board your ship and settle in. Fishermen's Terminal, UnCruise's home in Seattle, you travel through the historic Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, where it's a 20-foot drop into the Salish Sea. Adieu, Seattle. (B)