

# Alaska's Fjords & Glaciers Ultimate with Glacier Bay Adventure Cruise

14 Nights | Ketchikan to Juneau

- Spend two days in Glacier Bay National Park
- Oiscover and watch diverse bird species in Glacier Bay
- ✓ Witness majestic glaciers like Grand Pacific and Margerie
- Take a scenic voyage through Wrangell Narrows and take in the scenic beauty

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# Day 1: Ketchikan, Alaska Embarkation

Arrive in Ketchikan met with a warm welcome. You will have time to take in a bit of the town once you check in at the hospitality area. But after boarding your vessel where you'll call home for the duration of your adventure, grab a glass of bubbly as we push off the dock and set sail for Misty Fjords National Monument as our Captain and crew provide an overview of the adventures that await you. (D)

# Day 2: Misty Fjords

There are places on the planet that completely overcome you, this is one of them. Misty Fjords National Monument represents nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska. Glacial valleys filled with sea water, sheer 3,000-foot cliffs, sea birds, bears and Sitka black-tailed deer all find safe haven here. Choose your own adventure strategy in Walker Cove or Rudyerd Bay, where you can paddle, skiff to the base of a waterfall for fjord released shower, or sit and float to take it all in. Whatever you choose, you'll find out why the affectionate nickname, "The Yosemite of the North," is well deserved. (BLD)

# Day 3: Behm Canal

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

## Day 4: Blashke Islands

The Blashke Islands, located off the southern coast of Alaska, form an enchanting archipelago renowned for its rugged beauty and untamed wilderness. Carved by glaciers and shaped by the relentless forces of nature, these islands boast dramatic landscapes characterized by towering cliffs, fjords, and dense forests. This is 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 5: Wrangell Narrows/Thomas Bay**

Count the navigational markers as you get a peek into life as only local Southeast Alaskans can relate to. Wrangell Narrows boasts abundant bright red and green navigation lights guiding our way - that may be why it's aptly nicknamed "Christmas Tree Lane." In the distance, a symphony of water emerges - the resonant flow of Cascade Creek, cutting through the forest in a mesmerizing display of waterfalls. Thomas Bay's glacial landscapes are marked by moraines, muskegs, and mud. In this playground paddle or skiff on water almost clear as glass. The mirror image of fjord walls plays on the surface. Or keep it green on an interpretive walk through a grassy meadow into the forest. You've come a long way as this is the backcountry of Alaska's wilderness. (BLD)

# **Day 6: Frederick Sound Whale Watching**

Humpback whales are frequent visitors of this Southeast passage. A misty spout is a sure sign they're in the neighborhood. Your captain navigates Stephens Passage. You're in for a boot-sucking, paddle-smacking day of adventure with your guide team. Routes are all mapped, so make your choice and make a move. Slip off the kayak launch and take it slow, spotting sea stars and shore birds. Hard chargers take a long wild paddle or take hike into the legendary Tongass. (BLD)

# Day 7: Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier Wilderness Area

Overnight, we've sailed into a new dimension. Sheer granite walls propel themselves thousands of feet above milky blue waters as the Discoverer glides between massive icebergs. Deep, U-shaped valleys tell the story of the last Ice Age and Harbor Seals haul out on the ice with this year's recruitment of pups. Endicott Arm is a spectacular place to get outside and feel the air get cooler the deeper you travel into Endicott's wilderness. The ship slows down as it approaches a massive wall of blue ice that blocks the end of the fjord-Dawes Glacier is our destination for the day. Bundle up and jump on a skiff tour for an intimate visit with one of the most active tidewater glaciers in Southeast Alaska. (BLD)

#### Day 8: Juneau, Alaska

Juneau captivates visitors with its unique blend of natural beauty and rich cultural heritage. You might choose to purchase a tramway ticket that provides a ride up the Mt. Roberts Tram, where views unfold as you ascend 1,800 feet (about 548.64 m) through the forest. At the top, explore the trails and Nature Center; back at the bottom, explore Alaska's heritage at the Alaska State Museum. Both options also include a lunch voucher for a local restaurant. If you've chosen to stay for another week, complimentary laundry service is provided today. (BLD)

# Day 9: Icy Strait or Neka Bay

In true UnCruise fashion, we're letting Mother Nature lead us this morning. Depending on weather and wildlife we have two very cool options of where we'll end up today. Neka Bay boasts land opportunities abundant, while Icy Strait offers wildlife sightings around every corner. Kick start the morning with on-deck yoga stretches and a strong cup of coffee. Energized and ready in your kayak, glide through remote bays, or join your crew in a skiff to study rocky outcroppings. Step into mud boots for a forest hike with your topnotch naturalist guides, who are ready to share anything and everything about this part of Alaska—marine biology, plants, and geology. On board, soak it all in as you soak in the hot tub with an expertly crafted beverage. (BLD)

## **Day 10: Glacier Bay National Park**

It's 6:00 am, you were told this was going to be an early morning, and your alarm clock is the metallic sound of ice sliding past the hull of the ship. Let us grab you a cup of coffee and a warm jacket; directly off the bow is either Johns Hopkins Glacier or Margerie Glacier, depending on the season and ice condition. The quiet of the morning is only interrupted by the thundering crash of the glacier as 10 story-buildings of ice crash into the sea in the soft light of sunrise. Grab a pastry and a big breakfast, today is going to be a banner day. The captain drops anchor deftly at Lamplugh Glacier – the morning is your choice of how you want to experience the glacier. Kayaks, ridge hikes, and ice garden explorations are all at your fingertips. The afternoon is spent singularly focused on the wildlife of the park. Get your binoculars out and spot mountain goats at Gloomy Knob and tufted puffins at the birder's paradise of South Marble Island. This is our final day in the park – take it all in. (BLD)

## **Day 11: Glacier Bay National Park Continued**

Before you do anything, look out the window. From kelp-lined channels to hemlock and spruce forests, every inch of this remote area is worth exploring. And today's adventures promise to be as big as the water is deep! Whatever you do— wilderness trekking, skiffing, or paddling—your expedition team guides the way. (BLD)

## **Day 12: Chichagof Island**

Chichagof Island is a remote paradise for the local inhabitants - the coastal brown bear. Summers long days provide ample opportunity for fishing in salmon-filled streams, and we're here to do our own exploring. Join your guide on hike along winding coastline to witness the greatest return of nutrients from sea to land on earth in the form of millions of salmon running upstream. Enjoy a skiff ride or a paddle in search of elusive brown bears and Sitka black-tail deer. We are on the fringes of Southeast Alaska; go further in with every stroke of the paddle. (BLD)

## **Day 13: Frederick Sound**

We've entered the realm of the leviathan. Frederick Sound sits at the interface between Stephens Passage and Chatham Strait - and is a gathering place for hundreds of humpback whales in the summer. From the Keku Islands, it's not rare for one to be able to sit out on a rocky outcropping and see not one, not two, but dozens of spouts piercing the horizon line in a rhythmic symphony as groups of whales patrol the herring-rich waters of Frederick Sound. The iconic Five Finger's Lighthouse - Alaska's oldest light station - sits proudly among the whales - and was a heralded research station for humpback study for many years. Relationships formed with the owners allow the opportunity for the occasional visit. We are just visitors to these parts, but the whales know they rule the day. (BLD)

#### Day 14: Tracy Arm & Sawyer Glaciers

Growlers, bergy-bits - floating chunks of ice in every shape and size - greet you as you step onto the bow with your hot beverages this morning. Deep turquoise - wild, organic sculptures of ice - that Dale Chihuly himself would be proud of - sit in the milky blue waters. Massive walls of granite and deep u-shaped valleys speak to the presence of ancient powers at work in this place; Tracy Arm is hallowed, magical, and reverent. Our ship is nimble, and our Captain navigates fields of ice with years of experience under their belt. Coming into view are the Twin S. Sawyer and Sawyer glaciers - cascading out of the coastal range in their long dance between rock, ice, and sea. Use your binoculars to view mountain goats on precarious ledges in search of willow shoots. Waterfalls pour out of every valley and crevice - evidence of the ice-field thousands of feet above you. (BLD)

#### Day 15: Juenau, Alaska Disembarkation

Linger over breakfast this morning cruising into Juneau. Wish your crew and new friends goodbye. Then it's off to the airport or begin your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour. (B)