

EXPLORING SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S ABC ISLANDS EXPEDITION CRUISE

Embark on an active exploration of the crown jewels of Alaska's Inside Passage--the ABC Islands. Discover what makes this area so special as you circumnavigate Admiralty Island in waters teeming with wildlife and hike and kayak on Baranof and Chichagof Islands. With insights from expert naturalists, witness the full spectrum of biodiversity that thrives in this natural wonderland--from plants and mushrooms to bears and whales, and even the vibrant undersea landscape.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Juneau, Alaska / Embark Ship

Arrive in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, in the early afternoon, and embark in time for cocktails and an introduction to the vessel, staff, and crew.

Arrival Time: Arrive by 4:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Juneau

Meals Included: Dinner

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Day 2 Icy Strait and the Inian Islands

Spend the day searching for wildlife in nutrient-rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options include a Zodiac cruise among the Inian Islands, home to a sizeable population of Steller sea lions; kayaking in the protected coves of Chichagof Island; or hiking in a lush temperate rainforest where bald eagles dot the canopies.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Days 3-7 Exploring Alaska's ABC Islands and Surrounding Areas

For the next six days, explore these wild gems of southeast Alaska, located in the northern part of the Alexander Archipelago. This area is a staff favorite for its exceptional wildlife and opportunities for active exploration. With nature as your guide, you will experience wild Alaska up close on Zodiacs, kayaks, paddleboards, and hikes, including an option for an all-day bushwack adventure.

A Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables guests to hike and kayak in these wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.

Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait (Admiralty Island)

The dense forest and snow-capped peaks of Admiralty Island provide a scenic backdrop for exploring its productive surrounding waters. These are prime areas for spotting both orca and humpback whales. With luck, guests may observe their fascinating behavior--breaching, tail-slapping, and variations on feeding--while standing on deck and listening to the play-by-play from expert naturalists.

Baranof Island

The smallest of the ABC islands, Baranof Island is home to the archipelago's highest peak, as well as a diverse ecosystem. Meander through the old-growth temperate rainforest, following a stream studded with sockeye salmon making their journey upstream to spawn. The salmon nourish a variety of land and ocean animals including bears, sea otters, sea lions, porpoises, and more. Your naturalists will provide a deeper understanding of the intricacies of the Alaskan temperate rainforest, from its edible and poisonous plants to the fascinating mating habits of the banana slug.

Chichagof Island

Chichagof Island is one of the largest islands in the U.S. and harbors one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world. The lush foliage offers excellent opportunities for naturalist-led hikes and photo walks. With the help of your certified photo instructor, practice your macrophotography skills on the variety of mushrooms rising from the mycelium that carpets the forest floor. Stroll the shorelines to witness a kaleidoscope of colorful intertidal life, while keeping an eye peeled for bubble-netting humpbacks feeding in the surrounding waters.

Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise for an unparalleled view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises, and Arctic terns.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Juneau / Disembark Ship

After breakfast, disembark in Juneau and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Departure Time: Depart after 11:00 a.m. local time

Departure City: Juneau

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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National Geographic SeaBird & SeaLion

VESSEL TYPE:

Comfortable Expedition

LENGTH:

52 metres

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

62 (in twin cabins)

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

1982 / Refurbished 2015

"open bridge" policy allows them to interact with the Captain and crew, learning about navigation first-hand. Often described as reminiscent of Cousteau's Calypso, these ships embody the spirit of true expedition cruising with modern comfort and deep engagement with the natural world.



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Nimble, reliable, and built for discovery, National Geographic Sea Lion and National Geographic Sea Bird are twin expedition ships expertly crafted to explore the wild and remote coastlines of North and Central America. Designed with shallow draughts and a compact size, these U.S.-flagged vessels can access places that larger ships simply cannot--slipping into narrow channels teeming with whales, anchoring in secluded bays ideal for snorkelling and kayaking, and edging close to waterfalls and rugged landscapes. With only 62 guests on board each ship and a warm, welcoming crew of 30, the atmosphere remains informal and intimate, fostering a close-knit sense of shared adventure.

Both ships offer 31 outside cabins across three decks, along with inviting public spaces such as a lounge with a full-service bar, a library, and a partially covered sundeck with ample seating. Dining is enjoyed in a relaxed, single-seating arrangement with no assigned tables, and menus highlight sustainable and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible. Guests can make use of a fleet of Zodiacs, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards for immersive exploration, while an



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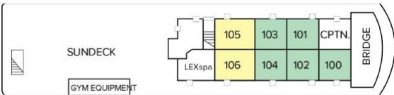
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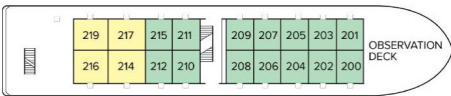
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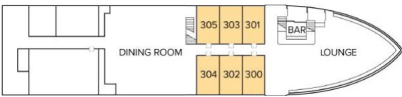
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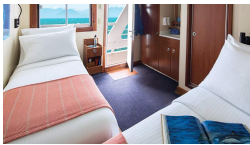
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