

Northern Passages & Glacier Bay – (Sitka to Juneau)

Vessels: *Wilderness Discoverer*; *Wilderness Explorer*

Nights: 7

Fares from \$2,945

Departs: Saturdays, Apr – Sept

Sitka to Juneau to, Alaska

Exploring

- Sitka • Neva Strait • Sergius Narrows • Peril Strait • Chichagof Island • Glacier Bay National Park • Icy Strait • Captain's Choice
- Juneau •

Included Highlights:

- View Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers
- Park ranger joins you on board in Glacier Bay National Park
- Whale watching in Icy Strait and Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait
- Wildlife searches—bears, sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions, Dall's porpoises
- Birds and wildlife at South Marble Island—birding and sea lion haulout
- Beachcomb intertidal zones, hike, and bushwhack in the Tongass National Forest
- Kayak, paddle board, and skiff in glacial fjords



SITKA TO JUNEAU

DAY 1 Sitka, Alaska – Embarkation

There's nothing like a hearty greeting from your crew and some bon voyage bubbly. With all souls settled in on board, you're underway. From the bow, Southeast Alaska welcomes you with grand views.

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DAY 2 Krestof & Nakwasina Sounds

There aren't many straight lines along Baranof Island. Its western side is spattered with remote, uninhabited islands. These features mean endless opportunities for adventure. Secluded coves. Tree-covered islets. Drop anchor, pick your modus operandi, and get going. Kayak, paddle board, or skiff—you're on the level with curious sea lions and possibly whales. Rocky intertidal zones make good beach combing. Turn a stone or two to see what's underneath. There are no groomed trails here—get out on a guided hike John Muir would approve of.

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DAY 3 Sergius Narrows / Neva Strait

There's an eerie, enigmatic feeling in these woods. Morning fog catches like cotton balls on trees. The aptly named narrows squeezes to only 300 feet wide in one spot and a shallow 24 feet deep. The shorelines are close and it's good territory for play. Skiff ashore and hike into the backcountry. Otters back float working to crack snacks resting on their bellies. Opening at Hoonah Sound, the squeeze is back on. Wind into Neva Strait. Watch the scenery change in the late fading light—from the hot tub of course.

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DAY 4 Peril Strait / Chichagof Island

Kick off the morn with on-deck yoga stretches (your guides love it when you join them). Wend along a twisting channel known for dramatic currents. Peril Strait runs 50 miles to Salisbury Sound. Meander through glacier-carved fjords along the Chichagof coast. Then stop. It's a prime time to lower the kayaks and skiffs. 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.

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DAY 5 Icy Strait

Nearly to the Pacific Ocean, Icy Strait is remote and wild. The plan? Whales and marine mammals. Spouts and fin slaps are certain giveaways. More rollicking sea lions and birds. But don't forget to look straight down. Porpoises and dolphins may hitch a ride on the bow wave. And don't worry about missing any wildlife; it's a favorite mission of the crew to point out any creatures they spot. Make

a break for it and head for a quiet pocket along the rugged coastline. A different sort of wild than the open strait, muskeg leads to forest bushwhacks. Skiff the shore and down along kelp-threaded channels.
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DAY 6 Glacier Bay National Park

What a privilege. At 3.3 million acres—this UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve is massive. At Bartlett Cove, a park ranger joins in on your day’s exploration and shares the park’s history. Orange-beaked puffins, guillemots, marbled murrelets are just a few possible sightings. Keep a tally—the list will grow. Arriving at South Marble Island, you can hear and smell ‘em before you see ‘em—it’s a haulout for sea lions. Perched above around the bend, watch for mountain goats, and lower along shore, foraging bears. Up bay, glacial silt turns the water a milky white. Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers—one holding steady, the other retreating. Lounging harbor seals laze on bits of bergs. And if time allows, tuck up in Tidal Inlet. End this very full day with your feet up for the sail into Icy Strait.
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DAY 7 Captain’s Choice

Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait, your captain makes the call. Either choice, go with the flow. The water is fine. The guides help you gear up, and lead your adventure along the rocky outcroppings. By kayak or paddle board, take in the size of this wilderness. Bald eagles dot the tree tops. Harbor seals bob up and under. Pods of orcas—the largest in the dolphin family—skim along the water’s surface. Toast your voyage with a festive Farewell Dinner and a “photo journal” of your trip. A gift to you, from your expedition team.
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DAY 8 Juneau, Alaska – Disembarkation

Cruise into Juneau this morning over breakfast. Farewell new friends! Disembark and transfer to the airport or your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour.
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Passport required (non USA citizens). Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience.

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NORTHERN PASSAGES & GLACIER BAY
7 NIGHTS, JUNEAU TO SITKA (*or reverse)

Saturday Departures

<i>Wilderness Discoverer</i>	NAV	TRB	PAT	XPL	SGL	CHARTER
Jun 9, 16*; Jul 7, 14* Aug 4, 11*	\$4,145	\$4,945	\$5,395	\$7,245	\$6,220	\$390,495
<i>Wilderness Explorer</i>	NAV	TRB	PAT	XPL	SGL	CHARTER
Sep 22, 29*	\$2,945	\$3,745	\$4,145	\$5,395	\$4,420	\$295,995
Apr 21, 28*; May 19, 26* Sep 8, 15*	\$3,545	\$4,345	\$4,745	\$5,995	\$5,320	\$340,395
Jun 16, 23*; Jul 14, 21* Aug 11, 18*	\$4,145	\$4,945	\$5,395	\$6,595	\$6,220	\$386,095