








Alaska  
57° 3' N 135° 19' W

# Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Inian Islands & Tracy Arm Fjord

Indulge your inner explorer on a compact, six-day expedition along the untamed coastal landscapes of Alaska’s Inside Passage. This pristine wilderness is home to a rich Tlingit culture, an enduring frontier spirit, and a panoply of wildlife—from high-flying eagles and tail-fluking whales to salmon-fishing bears. Hike through forests of towering trees, kayak in glacier-carved fjords, and raft from an ancient Alaska native village.

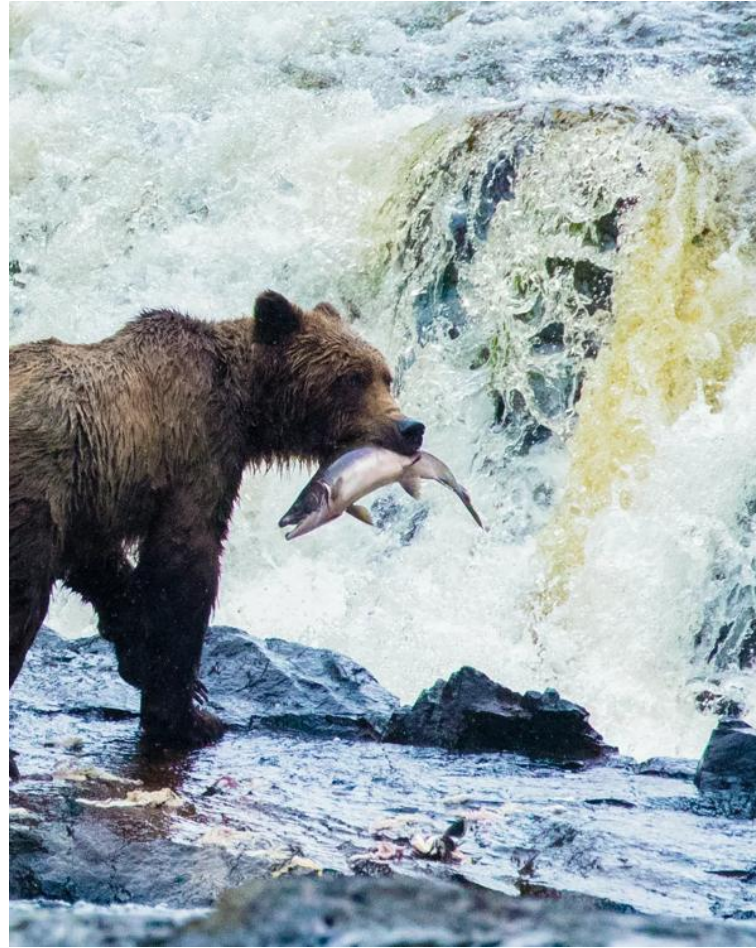
From  
**\$ 3,962** / per person  
Does not include flights

 <b>DATES</b> Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug and Sep	 <b>DURATION</b> 6 Days
 <b>SHIPS</b> <i>National Geographic Sea Bird</i> <i>National Geographic Sea Lion</i>	
 <b>STARTS AT</b> Sitka, Alaska →  <b>ENDS AT</b> Juneau, Alaska Also does reverse - Juneau TO Sitka	

Please review the [Essential Eligibility Criteria](#) for hiking activities on this voyage.

## Highlights

- ★ Kayak or paddleboard along the rugged coastlines of Chichagof Island, home to one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world
- ★ Hike through temperate rainforest on Baranof Island, listening for bald eagles calling out from the towering spruce and hemlock trees
- ★ Explore Haines, the “adventure capital of Alaska,” via raft, bicycle, and hiking boot, or go fly fishing in the river for salmon and trout
- ★ Cruise by Zodiac and kayak among abundant sea lions and search for whales in the Inian Islands





## Day by day

### ■ DAY 1

#### Sitka / Embark Ship

**Arrival Time:** Arrive by 2:00 p.m. local time.

**Arrival City:** Sitka

Arrive in Sitka, Alaska, situated on the western coast of Baranof Island and overlooking the Pacific Ocean, in the early afternoon and embark *National Geographic Sea Lion* or *National Geographic Sea Bird* in time for cocktails and an introduction of the vessel staff and crew.

Meals included: dinner

### ◇ DAY 2

#### Exploring Baranof or Chichagof Island

Explore the breathtaking bays of Baranof or Chichagof. Both islands are part of the ancient Tongass National Forest. Chichagof harbors one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world, and both islands are home to diverse wildlife. Kayak or paddleboard along rugged coastlines and go hiking through the temperate rainforest, listening for bald eagles calling out from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ◇ DAY 3

#### Icy Strait & the Inian Islands

Spend today 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 lush temperate rain forest where bald eagles dot the canopies.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

### ◇ DAY 4

#### Haines

A paradise for adventure seekers, Haines offers the chance to cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, go fly fishing for salmon and Dolly Verdon trout, or choose from an array of world-class hikes. Other options include a visit to the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. This day brims with options.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

### ◇ DAY 5

#### Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness

Wake up in Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Ford's Terror Wilderness. Cruise through this glacier-sculpted fjord, then set out to explore by Zodiac. View the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close—and keep an eye out for the dramatic sight of huge slabs of ice breaking off and crashing into the water below. If conditions permit, paddle a kayak below the steep walls of the fjord. Celebrate your voyage with a farewell dinner on board.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

### ■ DAY 6

#### Juneau / Disembark Ship

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

**Departure Time:** After 1:00 p.m. local time.

**Departure City:** Juneau

Meals included: breakfast

## Eastbound

Sitka, Alaska → Juneau, Alaska

### 2023 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

26 Aug				
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Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

24 Aug				
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### 2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

16 May				
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05 Jun	25 Jun			
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15 Jul				
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04 Aug	24 Aug			
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Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

01 May	21 May			
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23 Jul				
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12 Aug				
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01 Sep				
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### 2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird*

13 May				
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02 Jun	22 Jun			
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12 Jul				
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01 Aug	21 Aug			
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Aboard *National Geographic Sea Lion*

29 Apr				
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09 May				
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21 Jul	31 Jul			
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10 Aug	20 Aug	30 Aug		
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### **Alternative Routes**

\*Also offered Juneau to Sitka on these same weekends

### **2023 Departure Dates**

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19 Aug, 21 Aug, 29 Aug, 31 Aug

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### **2024 Departure Dates**

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26 May, 31 May, 20 Jun, 10 Jul, 30 Jul,  
07 Aug, 19 Aug, 27 Aug, 29 Aug, 06 Sep

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### **2025 Departure Dates**

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04 May, 14 May, 28 May, 17 Jun, 07 Jul,  
26 Jul, 27 Jul, 05 Aug, 15 Aug, 16 Aug,  
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## ***National Geographic Sea Lion***

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62

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# Cabin Categories

## Category 1

**Main Deck: #300-305**

Conveniently located between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single beds, and a large window. All cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.



## Category 2

**Bridge Deck: #101-104**

**Upper Deck: #200-212, 215**

These well-located cabins include two single beds and a window. Cabin doors and windows open to the outside. Cabins feature a closet, two nightstands, closet, and sink/vanity with large mirror outside the bathroom.



## Category 3

**Upper Deck: #214, 216, 217, 219**

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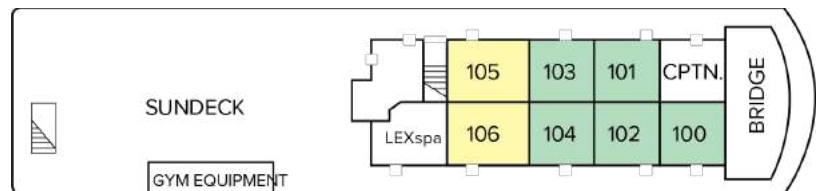
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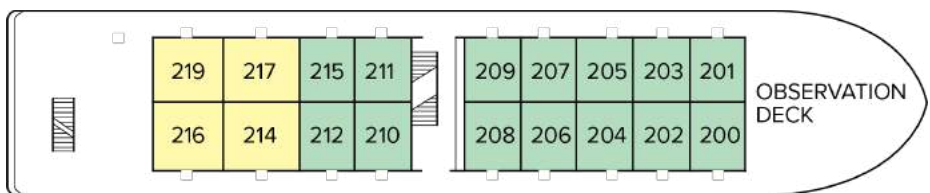
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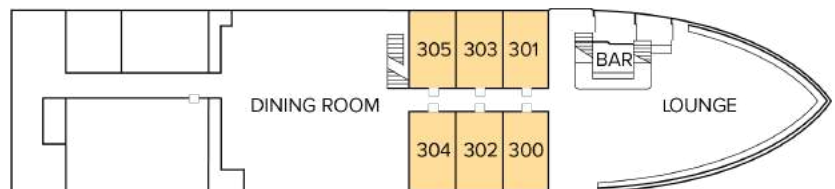
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## Public Areas

A library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and Captain and learn about navigation.

## Meals

Meals are served in the dining room at a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menus feature sustainable choices, local where possible.

## Cabins

All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with WiFi, multiple electrical and USB outlets. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles and a National Geographic Atlas is available in each cabin.

## Expedition Equipment

A fleet of 6 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable).



## Special Features

Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, undersea specialist and video chronicler.

## Wellness

A fitness center with elliptical, treadmill, weights, resistance bands; LEXspa treatment room, staffed by wellness specialists.



## Self-Disinfecting Ships

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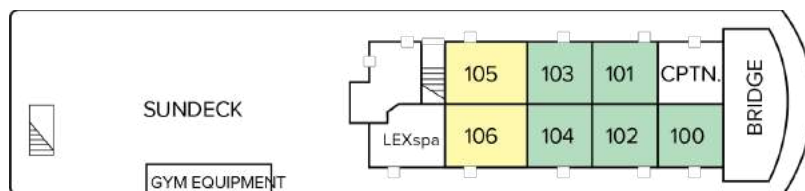
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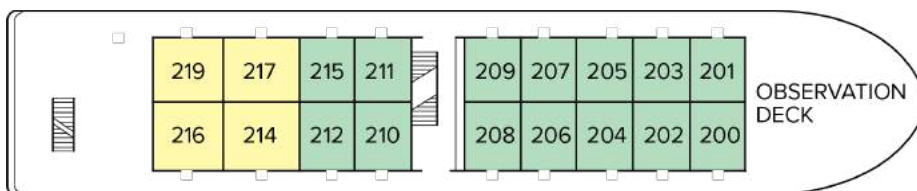
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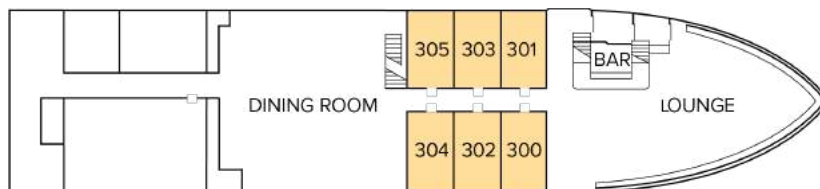
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**Noteworthy Feature:** The generous scale of the bow, enabling the entire expedition community to congregate with our naturalists, photo instructors, and experts from the Alaska Whale Foundation or the National Park Service, and share the excitement of watching whales or dramatic glacier calving events.

## Special Offers

### 2025: BRING A FRIEND

Book and deposit by Dec. 1, 2023. Save 5% when you book two or more cabins on the same departure for departures Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies when you book 8 or more guests. Call for details.

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### BOOK EARLY TO LOCK IN YOUR 2025 RATE

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### \$700 AIR CREDIT

Book by August 31, 2023. Receive \$700 per person credit, deducted from cabin fare prior to any additional applicable savings with the purchase of cabin fare. Valid on select departures, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on extensions. Call for details.

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### WAIVE SOLO PREMIUM

Book by August 31, 2023. Waive the solo premium on solo cabins on select departures. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

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### FAMILY SAVINGS

Book by August 31, 2023. On select 2023 departures, two full-fare paying adults may bring a guest aged 22 and under at 50% off and a second guest aged 22 and under for free. Offer applicable only on bookings of two double-occupancy cabins, and second cabin must be in same category or lower as first cabin. A solo full-paying adult is welcome to bring one guest aged 22 and under at 50% off and a second guest 22 and under for free when booking a single-, double-, or triple-occupancy cabin, pending availability. Valid on cabin fare only, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

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### SAVE 10% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 10% when traveling as a group of six or more adults over age 18. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

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### BEER & WINE INCLUDED

Beer and wine is included in your fare on all 2023 departures aboard *National Geographic Venture*, *National Geographic Quest*, *National Geographic Sea Bird*, and *National Geographic Sea Lion*. Call for details.

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## **10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES**

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

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## **BRINGING THE KIDS**

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable on extensions or airfare. Call for details.

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## **CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES**

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

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## **COMBINING OFFERS**

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

## Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer and wine on all 2023 departures (starting in 2024, spirits and cocktails are also included, with super premium wines and liquors available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools curated to destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic; morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

## Not included in price

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

## Travel protection plan

Please ask about travel Protection. Plans are as individual as our clients.

You can inquire about this amazing itinerary and the associated travel insurance products at

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## Cancellation policy

📄 Review cancellation policy: <https://www.expeditions.com/cancellation-policy/>

Because of strict cancel terms, travel insurance is recommended

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