

### NORTHERN PASSAGES CRUISE (WILDERNESS DISCOVERER)

Discover miles and miles and miles of coastline—in a land where everything is great. Exploration along these passages is no folly, and uncovering your awe for Alaska is almost better than finding gold. Theme Departures Available for this Itinerary Holiday 2017: July 1



#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 - Juneau, Alaska - Embarkation

Welcome aboard! Meet the crew, settle in, and relax with your shipmates. Within minutes you'll be cruising the magical channels of Alaska's Inside Passage.

#### Day 2 - Captain's Choice

Plying the remote waterways of Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait, your captain sets the course for adventure! Wake up at anchor and kick off your morn with on-deck yoga stretches. Then slip into a kayak or step onto a paddle board and glide along rocky outcroppings with your guides. While you keep watch for playful harbor seals in these protected waters, bald eagles will likely monitor your improving paddling skills from the treetops.





#### Day 3 - Glacier Bay National Park

One of America's crown jewel national parks is yours to explore—Glacier Bay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve. A National Park Ranger joins you to uncover coves and corners of the bay that most visitors miss. Linger near South Marble Island to spot the many species of rare sea birds that call this area home. Keep your eyes on the water and the island for brightly-colored puffins and Black Oystercatchers. With much to see all around you, you'll find sea lions, mountain goats, bears, eagles, and spectacular scenic backdrops. Tidewater glaciers sweep like rivers of ice down massive mountain valleys, terminating before you in the waters of Glacier Bay.

#### Day 4 - Icy Strait

Set your course for some of the most remote waters in Southeast Alaska. Join the captain on the bridge or the expedition team out on deck in search of whales and marine mammals. Camera in hand, begin your land and sea exploration of these wilderness reaches. Ride the skiffs for a closer inspection of the wild coastline with eyes set on the shore for possible bear sightings.

#### Day 5 - Chichagof Island / Peril Strait

Meander along the coast of Chichagof Island. In the UnCruise expedition spirit, marvel at the unbelievable scenery as your crew expertly guides you through glacier-carved fjords. Anchor in remote coves for an opportunity to lower the kayaks and skiffs. Explore the shoreline on an intertidal walk or forest hike with your guides. And, wend along Peril Strait—a twisting channel known for dramatic currents, Peril Strait runs 50 miles from Chatham Strait to Salisbury Sound.

#### Day 6 - Sergius Narrows / Neva Strait

Opening at Hoonah Sound, the aptly named Sergius Narrows—squeezing to only 300 feet wide in one spot and a shallow 24 feet deep—is a great place to watch the shoreline for bears, the waters for otters and whales, and skyward for eagles. The rugged rock fingers of the narrows winds into scenic Neva Strait. This evening, toast another day of amazing adventure with a frosty microbrew or hot toddy.

#### Day 7 - Krestof & Nakwasina Sounds

There aren't many straight lines along Baranof Island, but along its western side lay hundreds of remote, uninhabited islands, and endless opportunities for dropping anchor and adventure. With many secluded coves and islands to choose from, discover the region's intertidal zones, or from your skiff or kayak, watch for whales and sea lions. Gear up for a guided hike with your expedition team for a new perspective of the vast Tongass National Forest. After an active day, toast your voyage with a festive Farewell Dinner and a "photo journal" of your trip presented by your expedition team.

#### Day 8 - Sitka, Alaska - Disembarkation

Gather for breakfast this morning as you cruise into Russian-influenced Sitka for disembarkation. Transfer to the airport or begin your land tour.

#### Please Note

Itineraries are guidelines and variations and the order of days will occur to maximize your experience.





### YOUR SHIP: WILDERNESS DISCOVERER

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

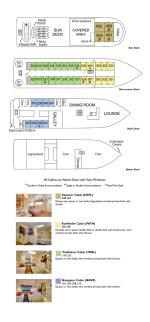
**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

The 76-guest Wilderness Discoverer gets rave reviews from her gests. Expedition is top-of-mind with this vessel; and adventure and discovery lay at its heart. The interior complements the outside and public and private spaces are loaded with amenities. Enjoy a main lounge that evokes the feel of a National Park Lodge or neighborhood pub and relax on deck or keep watch for wildlife. Three accessible decks are fully equipped for comfort and action. The sun deck has a sauna and fitness equipment; viewing is over-the-top from the bow and under-the-stars from two hot tubs on the observation deck; and the EZ Dock launch platform on the main deck makes getting in the water a cinch. Onboard are kayaks; stand-up paddle boards; inflatable skiffs; hiking poles; yoga mats; hydrophone for listening below-surface; and a bow-mounted underwater camera pipes the action to the lounge and to your cabin TV. The four cabin categories aboard the Wilderness Discoverer are: Navigator; Trailblazer; Pathfinder; and Explorer. Depending on your cabin, singles, doubles or triples can be accommodated. Common to all Wilderness Discoverer cabins are: Memory foam mattresses; Flat-screen TV/DVD; and iPod docking station. All staterooms come with a view window (no portholes).





# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**





# **PRICING**

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port fees and taxes 250 USD pp