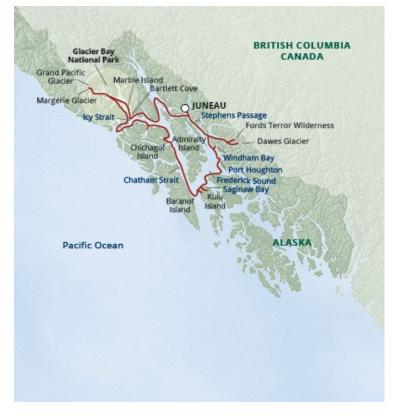


## **ALASKA'S GLACIER COUNTRY (SAFARI ENDEAVOUR)**

We aim to spend 2 days in the extraordinary Glacier Bay, home to 8 tidewater glaciers and dozens of other mountain glaciers. We will have opportunities to walk, kayak and/or take a skiff safari, and there is also plenty of opportunity for spectacular wildlife viewing from Safari Endeavor as she can get close in to some of the wildlife hotspots. We will visit The South Marble Islands, a great place to see sea lions, puffins, sea otters and a variety of other sea birds. There are often bears and mountain goats to be seen, either fishing in the outlets of salmon rivers or clinging to the seemingly sheer face of sea cliffs. While cruising around Admiralty Island we expect to see dozens, sometimes hundreds of Humpbacks, feeding, breathing, diving and breaching. We will go ashore at several points to walk in the forest or comb the beaches for marine wildlife, and there will be opportunities every day to kayak or take a skiff safari and we expect to see sea lions, harbour seals, bald eagles, sea otters and perhaps bears, orca and other whales. We will also visit the vast Dawes Glacier at the end of Endicott Arm, and the skipper will select some prime spots depending on the conditions and time of year to spend the days exploring and searching for wildlife. And with a bit of luck in September there is a chance to see the Aurora Borealis. While on board you will be royally looked after by the crew of around 38. The days starts with a pre-breakfast breakfast as 06.30 for the early risers, dawn watchers and those still with jetlag, and optional yoga on the aft deck at 06.45. Main breakfast is served at 07.30, you can choose from a variety of eggs, bacon, sausage, omelette, or other extravagant breakfast helpings (steak, smoke salmon etc) and the team will serve you at your table. Mornings and

afternoons are usually for one of the days activities (kayak, walk, skiff tours or perhaps just cruising past glaciers, wildlife or whales), before you are back into the restaurant for a three course lunch, again with top restaurant style service. Tea and coffee or hot chocolate are available all day and a selection of cakes and biscuits will appear in the afternoon, and a 3 course dinner, meat, fish or vegetarian, is served at 19.30. There will usually be a chat from the expedition leader in the (free) bar at about 17.30 to explain the following days programme and answer any questions, and often one of the crew or the National Park Ranger that joins us while we are in Glacier Bay will give a chat on some aspect of Alaska. And at sometime during the week you will be offered a free Swedish style massage, and usually towards the end of the week you will have the chance to take a Polar plunge - Not everyone's cup of tea but very refreshing and even exhilarating for those that can bring themselves to leap into the icy waters! Cloud failure or liquid sunshine, our Alaska small ship adventure cruises are perfect for exploration--paddling, hiking, hot tub under the stars, "polar bear plunges," even playing in the mud with your expert expedition team. Glacier Bay National Park; breaching whales; soaring eagles; rainforests; northern lights. Do as much or as little as you like on an





unforgettable journey.

#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 Juneau, Alaska - Embarkation

Hello, Juneau! First settled in the gold rush days, Juneau welcomes with both small town charm and towering glaciers. Toast to the riches of Alaska as you sail west toward Icy Strait.

DAY 2 Icy Strait

Kick start the morning with on-deck yoga stretches and a strong cup of coffee. Energized and snug in your kayak, glide around in remote bays off of Icy Strait through giant bullwhip kelp that can grow to over 100 feet long. Join the gang in a skiff to a rocky outcropping to watch sea lions play. Or, step into mud boots for a forest hike with your top-notch, naturalist guides who have plenty to share about everything Alaska--marine biology, plants, and even geology. On board, soak it all in as you soak in the hot tub.

DAY 3 Glacier Bay National Park

You're in for a real treat. A National Park ranger comes aboard to share expert insight. Have your binoculars handy--South Marble Island is a birder's slice of heaven. Puffins scoot through the water. Guillemots and gulls chatter up the airwaves. The snoozing sea lions don't seem to mind. More thrills and chills await as you cruise to the far end of John Hopkins Inlet or Tarr Inlet where glaciers calve into the water. Backed by knife-edged peaks, bears forage along the shoreline of Tidal Inlet. Mountain goats too. Back at Bartlett Cove, if time and daylight allow, take a forest hike around the park's HQ, and say farewell to your ranger.

DAY 4 Chatham Strait

Stretching 150 miles into the Tongass National Forest, Chatham Strait offers adventure aplenty. Rest assured your captain navigates to the best. Anchor in a remote Chichagof Island inlet.





Backpacks loaded and adventure toys lowered (skiffs, paddle boards, kayaks), it's time to go play. Energy flows as you hike up through moss-covered trees and rain-fed waterfalls. Stick to the water in a kayak excursion, and don't forget to look above and below the surface. A nosy seal could be watching your every stroke. Beachcomb rocky shores. Tiny creatures cling to rocks. Tonight, take a nightcap to the sun deck and watch the sky.

DAY 5 Kuiu Island

The jagged arms and fingers of Kuiu Island stretch from 25 to just six miles wide. Salmon streams dot the coastline--and where there's salmon, there are bears. Despite its slim size, Kuiu Island is home to many black bears, who, like you, love the solitude and open skies in the heart of the Tongass National Forest. From kayak or skiff, scope the intertidal zones of Saginaw Bay for these guys. Eagles fish here too, their white noggins give away their perches. Kayak along the Keku Islands or take the pace down a notch with an easy stroll amidst the tide pools. It's remote, and remarkable.

DAY 6 Frederick Sound

Humpbacks beeline it here each season to feed on krill, zooplankton, and herring. Watch for whales feasting in these abundant glacial waters. Hang out and enjoy the show. Based on wind and weather, your expedition team has the lineup of adventures all mapped out. Cruise past Five Fingers Lighthouse, Alaska's oldest light station and The Brothers Islands, where sea lions nap on rocky nobs. Paddle into the deeps of Port Houghton or Windham Bay or head ashore for a hike.

Somewhere nearby, carrot-billed black oystercatchers are saying hello. Tonight, toast another big day in Alaska.

DAY 7 Endicott Arm / Dawes Glacier

Skiffing up Endicott Arm, harbor seals laze around on icebergs. If the tides are right, slip into Fords Terror, the steep walls of this narrow opening streaked with waterfalls. Back in the Arm, gasp at the deep glacier-carved valleys. It's at the end where you meet the piece de resistance: Dawes Glacier. Blue ice marches down from the Coast Mountains. With a sharp crack, the white thunder of a calving slice makes a mega-splash. Tonight, celebrate with a festive Farewell Dinner and "photo journal" from your expedition team.

DAY 8 Juneau - Disembarkation

Mmmm, fresh baked pastries over one last breakfast. Your crew and new friends wish heartfelt goodbyes. This morning, transfer to the Juneau airport or begin your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour.

Please Note:

Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience.





## YOUR SHIP: SAFARI ENDEAVOUR

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

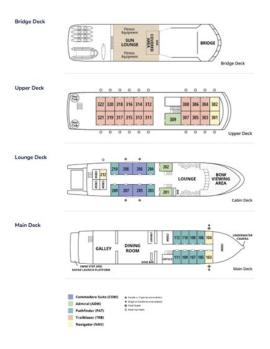
**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

The ambience aboard this newly refurbished 86-guest yacht is casual elegance with a full menu of upscale amenities. Its new design is exquisitely appointed with features such as an intimate Wine Bar and spa area including two hot tubs, sauna, fitness equipment, yoga classes, and massage suite (complete with a complimentary massage.) The Safari Endeavour's three decks provide ample outside viewing opportunities and relaxing public spaces for gathering with new found friends. The EZ Dock launch platform makes launching a kayak or stand-up paddle board and boarding a skiff easy. Onboard adventure equipment includes kayaks and stand-up paddle boards; inflatable skiffs; hiking poles; yoga mats; and hydrophones for listening to below surface sounds. There are five stateroom categories aboard the Safari Endeavour: Master; Commander; Captain; Admiral; and Commodore Suite. Depending on the category, singles, doubles or triples can be accommodated. Common to all staterooms are: Flat-screen TV/DVD; iPod docking station. Read about an extraordinary cruise week on Safari Endeavour in Alaska





# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**





# **PRICING**

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port taxes/fees 375 USD pp