

## **ALASKA'S GLACIER COUNTRY (S.S. LEGACY)**

Alaska is almost custom made for small ship cruising, with magnificent wildlife, endless opportunities to explore ashore, by zodiac and in kayaks, and countless small inlets and bays that larger vessels can't get close to. With snow-clad mountains, tideway glaciers, ancient forests and myrian islands and inlets to explore, the scenery is as dramatic as anywhere. The extraordinary Glacier Bay is home to dozens of glaciers, including 7 tidewater glaciers, and a great range of wildlife, and forms part of the largest international protected area on the planet. Surrounded by a host towering peaks between 10-15000 metres it is surely one of the most photogenic places on Earth. Every ship that spends time in Glacier Bay has to take on board a National Parks ranger. 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; Native totems; breaching whales; soaring eagles; rainforests; northern lights. Do as much or as little as you like on an unforgettable journey. Fares Include: Onboard meals Onboard spirits, wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages Transfers and baggage handling between airport/vessel on embark/disembark days Entry fees to parks/preserves From-the-vessel activities and equipment Wellness amenities: hot tub, fitness equipment and yoga mats



#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 Juneau, Alaska - Embarkation





DAY 4 Chatham Strait

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.

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: WILDERNESS LEGACY

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

The ambience aboard the 88-guest Wilderness Legacy emulates the old-world charm of an early turn-of-the-century coastal steamer. Exquisitely appointed with period decor, the vessel's carved wooden cabinetry, Grand Salon complete with a full bar and dance floor, Klondike Dining Room with wine bar, Pesky Barnacle Saloon, hot tub, sauna, fitness equipment, yoga classes, and massage suite are features accessible to all guests. Four decks are ready for guests' comfort and adventure. The bridge deck provides room for sunning, two hot tubs, and the open bridge, as well as the highest of the bow viewing areas wrapping around the front. The upper deck provides the middle bow viewing area. The lounge deck provides the luxurious indoor lounge and bar as well as the largest of the three bow viewing areas. Downstairs on the main deck guests enjoy gourmet meals in the elegant dining room. The Lounge is large with plenty of room for spotting wildlife, sharing photos, and playing chess all with a cocktail or soda from the bar. The Dining Room features open seating at set times. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served plated at table. Unlimited beverages, alcoholic and non, are included in the price of the cruise. Vegetarian options always available. Dietary restrictions are happily

accommodated with advanced notice. Onboard Features: Custom made sea dragon kayak launch platform; bow-mounted underwater camera; kayaks, paddleboards, inflatable skiffs, hiking poles; on-deck hot tub; fitness equipment and yoga mats; DVD and book library. Legacy has an elevator. This elevator does not reach the bridge deck. While this makes her a comfortable choice for guests with mobility concerns, guests must still be able to embark and disembark via gangway and climb one flight of stairs. Explorer cabin 309 features a short ramp over the lip to get into the cabin and grab bars in the bathroom, but it is not ADA accessible. Staterooms There are six stateroom categories aboard the Wilderness Legacy: Master; Commander; Captain; Admiral; and Junior Commodore Suite, and Owner's Suite. Depending on the category, singles, doubles, triples, or quadruples can be accommodated. Common to all staterooms are: Flat-screen TV/DVD; iPod

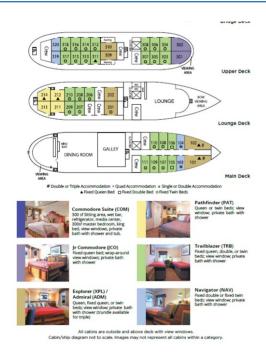




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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**





# **PRICING**

ADDITIONAL CHARGES: Port taxes/fees 375 USD pp