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# FAMED PASSAGES OF DISCOVERY 2016 (SAFARI EXPLORER)

12-night adventure cruise from Seattle to Alaska (or the reverse) Two days in Glacier Bay National Park; brown & black bears; rainforests and glaciers; hiking and kayaking; Humpback whales and orca; bald eagles and sea birds. And no matter which ship from our diverse fleet you choose, our expert expedition teams guide you on a unique and unforgettable journey.



### **ITINERARY**

### Day 1 - Seattle, Washington Embarkation

Welcome to Seattle! Depending on your vessel, you'll sail north from downtown Seattle admiring the waterfront skyline view, or depart from Fishermens Terminal transiting the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks where you're lowered twenty feet into the Salish Sea.

### Day 2 - Friday Harbor, Washington

In quaint Friday Harbor, discover its maritime history, art galleries, and a fascinating Whale Museum. Gunkhole close to shore by skiff or kayak as you explore the serene San Juan

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Islands, an archipelago of islands first charted by the Spanish in 1791.

#### Day 3 - Salish Sea / Canada's Inside Passage

Mountains rise higher and fjords become more dramatic. Intricate waterways and fjords alongside temperate rainforests are ideal for sighting orca, seals, sea lions, sea otters, dolphins, porpoise, sea birds, and spotting bald eagles from on deck. Unlock the natural history of the area and discover how Native influences and the fishing and forest industries have shaped these sparsely-populated islands and communities.

#### Day 4 - Canada's Inside Passage

Take in the pure, wilderness air and fill your days through the passage with splendid scenery, relaxation, and plenty of on-board activities. Your expedition team aims to entertain and keep you busy with engaging presentations, games, and enlightening narration.

#### Day 5 - Canada's Inside Passage

Pass the ghost town of Butedale, on British Columbia's Princess Royal Island, before passing through Prince Rupert, BC and crossing the US/Canadian border into Alaska.

#### Day 6 - Ketchikan, Alaska

Alaska's southernmost city and salmon capital of the world also claims fame to having the worlds largest collection of standing totem poles. Explore Tlingit culture, and the notorious Creek Street, once a red-light district in downtown Ketchikan.

#### Day 7 - Misty Fjords National Monument

Home to nearly every ecosystem in Southeast Alaska, stunning glacial valleys filled with seawater, untouched wetlands and

estuaries, and 3,000-foot vertical cliffs that are a haven for wildlife. Soak in the splendor of this largely unknown corner of the world with an up-close look at this majestic, 2.3 million-acre wilderness.

### Day 8 - Behm Canal

Wildlife abounds in Behm Canal and the surrounding Tongass National Forest, orca, porpoise, seals, black bears, mink, eagles, and otters. Paddle along pristine waterways or venture out on an intertidal shore walk.

### Day 9 - Wrangell

Home to native culture, wildlife, and wonder, Wrangell is one of the oldest towns in Alaska. Brush up on your Tlingit culture and view recently carved totem poles at Kiksetti Totem Park. Wander past the fishing marina to the famed and historically significant Chief Shakes Tribal House. Touch Wrangell's storied past at the artifact-filled museum.

#### Day 10 - Wrangell Narrows / Thomas Bay

Bright red and green navigation lights guide you along Christmas Tree Lane as you cruise the winding Wrangell Narrows. Step into the back country of Alaska's wilderness, in an area known for glaciers and rich in gold and quartz. Explore glacial landscapes marked by moraines, muskegs, and mud. Adventure and natural beauty are sure to please whether you choose kayaking, paddle boarding, skiff riding, or hiking today.

### Day 11 - Stephens Passage

Keep watch for colossal marine life, Humpback and orca are frequent residents of these waters, as your captain navigates through Southeasts remote fjords. Hike through an other-worldly landscape of hanging waterfalls and emerald greens. Or

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investigate the wild inner reaches of a salt chucka tidal salt-water lake, by kayak and paddle board, keeping a lookout for bears, heron, moose, mink, and harbor seals.

### Day 12 - Endicott Arm / Fords Terror

Snow covered mountains, glowing blues, and the white thunder of calving ice at Dawes Glacier complete your last day. Gliding through Endicott Arm, you'll likely spy harbour seals and their pups lounging on bergy bits in the water. And if the tides allow, explore Fords Terrora narrow passageway with towering walls and cascading waterfalls. At the end of the day, join the Captain for a sumptuous farewell dinner and reminisce with a slideshow of your journey from the crew.

Day 13 - Juneau, Alaska Disembarkation Disembark after breakfast.

### Please Note:

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

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## **YOUR SHIP: SAFARI EXPLORER**

YOUR SHIP:	Safari Explorer
VESSEL TYPE:	Small Ship
LENGTH:	145 ft
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	36
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1998 / 2008

The \_Safari Explorer\_ , our flagship, is a 36-guest luxury yacht perfectly designed for "luxury in the pursuit of adventure." Features include an intimate Wine Library and spa area including a large on-deck hot tub (Alaska), sauna, fitness equipment, yoga classes, and a complimentary massage. Aboard the yacht, three public decks provide plenty of room for mingling, relaxing, and enjoying the fresh air. And a full-beam swim step makes for easy access in the water. Adventure equipment onboard includes kayaks and stand-up paddle boards; inflatable skiffs; hiking poles; fishing poles and tackle; yoga mats; and hydrophones for listening to below-surface sounds. There are six stateroom categories aboard the \_Safari Explorer\_: Single; Master; Commander; Captain; Admiral; and Commodore Suite. Depending on the stateroom, singles, doubles or triples can be accommodated. Common to all \_Safari Explorer\_ staterooms are: Heated tile floors in bathroom; Tempur-Pedic<sup>®</sup> memory foam mattresses; Flat-screen TV/DVD; iPod docking station; and View windows (no portholes).

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