

HOKKAIDO, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AND ALASKA: PRISTINE APPEAL

Foreign worlds along the Ring of Fire: travel beyond your dreams when the small HANSEATIC spirit combines Asian and North American contrasts. From the rich culture of summery Hokkaido to the remote Aleutian Islands and up to the wilderness of Alaska in the far north.



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Day 1 Tomakomai/Japan

Tomakomai/Japan, departure 22.00 hrs

Days 2 - 4 Hokkaido/Japan

Hokkaido/Japan (Okushiri , Hakodate, Kushiro)

Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, is a real insider tip. A region that, luckily for you, is underestimated by many. This means that you will be one of the few to discover the unspoilt sides of the island nation. Sparsely populated, with dense



forests, clear lakes and volcanoes as far as the eye can see. A contemplative contrast to the hectic urban lifestyle in Asia's megacities.

Off the coast of Hokkaido lie the rocky Okushiri islands, where you can go on nature hikes with your experts. Gain insights here into the lives of the locals - favourite delicacies include sea urchins and abalone mussels. In the midst of idyllic nature, it will be easy for you to understand the Japanese veneration of nature characteristic of Shintoism. Your experts on board will provide deeper insights into your experiences with interesting lectures about the Ainu, the indigenous people of Hokkaido.

At the south-eastern tip of Japan's second largest and northernmost main island, Hokkaido, lies the city of Hakodate - dominated by its local mountain at 335 m (1,099 ft) above sea level. From its summit or from the Goryokaku Tower, you can enjoy beautiful views of the city with its famous star-shaped fortress. Hakodate was one of the first Japanese ports to open to foreign ships in 1854. This led to the development of the historic Motomachi district, with its 19th century buildings in the European style. Also of architectural interest is the Future University Hakodate designed by Tokyo architect Riken Yamamoto: with features from 1970s structuralism, the building is a successful example of the high-tech style made famous by Norman Foster.

In the east of Hokkaido, the coastal city of Kushiro welcomes you with its great maritime tradition. This is reflected in the fish market, where you can find fresh Sashimi to take you on a culinary voyage of discovery. The city is also known for its fascinating history, since in the late 19th century it became an important centre of national and international trade. Many of its buildings, including the Kushiro City Archive, the Kushiro City Museum and the Kushiro Arts Centre, offer insights into the city's history and culture. The surrounding area with its many lakes, mountains and rivers, as well as Japan's largest marshland, provides the natural superlatives.

Days 5 - 9 Relaxation at sea

Relaxation at sea
(Crossing the International Date Line, 03.07 counts twice)

Days 10 - 13 Aleutian Islands/Alaska/USA

Aleutian Islands/Alaska/USA (Adak Island, cruising off Chagulak Island, Unalaska Island, Popof Island)

Discover one of the remotest regions on our planet, where the Pacific and North American continental plates converge: the Aleutian Islands. On board your expedition ship, you will explore a chain of islands which is otherwise difficult to reach. Beneath the ocean lies the Aleutian Trench, which forms part of the boundary between two tectonic plates, and is 7,800 m (25,590 ft) below the surface at its deepest part. In front of you, behold the diverse creative power of the Pacific Ring of Fire. Experience the islands in the Bering Sea from the many open deck spaces or on exciting shore visits.

Scarce traces of civilisation will awaken your interest when you land with your experts on Adak Island. Alaska's southernmost community was once a US military base with thousands of people. Today there are just 400 or so inhabitants. What is it like living in this remote place, where the locals rely on cargo services to deliver most of their food? Find out for yourself on the island.



Cruising off Chagulak Island, the focus will once again be on the forces along the Pacific Ring of Fire. The island arc of the Aleutian Islands includes 44 volcanoes. One of the stratovolcanoes is Chagulak Island - steep with sharp edges and over 1,000 m (3,280 ft) high. Cruising off the island might get particularly lively when thousands of petrels accompany the ship. With a little luck you might also see orcas and humpback whales on your flexible route through the tangled maze of the islands.

Unalaska Island is your gateway to Russian American history. This really comes to life in Dutch Harbor, which has the oldest Russian Orthodox church in North America with its white towers topped with onion domes. The Museum of the Aleutians explains the history of the islands, from the Russian American period to the Second World War and up to the present day. On your independent shore visit, you will also come across abandoned barracks, concrete bunkers and gun emplacements from conflicts in years gone by.

The community of Sand Point on Popof Island owes its name to a special feature of Alaska: several vast sandy beaches are a great place for a walk. Explore the surrounding area on hikes with your experts, with a chance to spot cormorants, kittiwakes and puffins. The island is also home to bison, which were brought here in 1955. The picturesque Russian Orthodox church is testament to the fact that many inhabitants still follow this religion.

Day 14 Alaska Peninsula

Alaska Peninsula (Chignik, cruising off Kak Island)

Some impressive chapters of your expedition lie ahead on the coast of Alaska. Land and sea, humankind and nature join together in an abundance of unspoilt scenery. Where the coasts are undisturbed, the animal kingdom untamed and the culture mysterious, your small expedition ship will take you to some truly exciting experiences.

Once you arrive on the Alaska peninsula, you will be able to gain some insights into the lives of the local inhabitants in the small fishing town of Chignik. The name of the town means "strong wind" in the Alutiiq language - and yet there's a certain serenity in the air here. You will feel the close bond between the Alutiiqs and the land and sea when you encounter this little community. The volcanic island chain of the Aleutian Islands stretches into the Pacific like a great arc. At the southern edge of the Bering Sea, it is lonely, vast and unspoilt. A side of nature that is rarely seen.

The cliffs teeming with sea birds when cruising off Kak Island will stir up your anticipation of what lies ahead. Your gaze will be drawn back to the sky time and again as millions of sea birds, including auks, guillemots, kittiwakes and horned puffins, nest and breed on the coastline of Alaska. You will be able to identify the different species together with your experts.

Day 15 Cruising in Katmai National Park/Relaxation at sea

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Alaska will satisfy your longing for great adventures in the vast wilderness. Dreams of discovery come true in an impressive way



when cruising in the bays of the sprawling Katmai National Park. The region is characterised by dramatic volcanoes, dense forests, wild rivers and active glaciers. This is one of the wildest and most unspoilt places on earth - perfect for your small expedition ship, as there are no roads into this remote natural wilderness. There are said to be more than 2,000 brown bears in this region, which can often be found in the vegetation near the coast here. Together with your experts, you can keep a lookout from the many open deck spaces.

Day 16 Kodiak

Kodiak, 07.00 - 18.00 hrs

Your dreams of exploration will really take shape on Kodiak Island. The largest island in Alaska is known for its unspoilt wilderness. A vast nature reserves stretches over the emerald-green island, with fjord-like bays and mountains up to 1,200 m (3,939 ft) high, lakes and swamps, tundra and spruce forests. It is home to the impressive Kodiak bears, one of the largest species of bear in the world, which can weigh up to 700 kg (1,543 lb) and stand up to 3 m (9.8 ft) tall. With luck, you'll even spot whales off the coast. The main town, also called Kodiak, was the second largest settlement in Russian America until 1867. Today, the Russian Orthodox Church and the Baranow Museum are reminders of this time. Discover this charming town on your own or with your experts. Your insights into the history and natural wonders of Kodiak will be further enhanced by the expert lectures on board.

Day 17 Homer

Homer, 06.00 - 22.00 hrs

Homer, in its picturesque location in the south of the Kenai Peninsula, is your gateway to Alaska's wilderness and wildlife. The town is the halibut capital of the world and is also known as an artists' colony, attracting painters, sculptors and jewellery designers. The greatest works of art, however, are those created by nature, with Kachemak Bay as the centrepiece. It offers a unique coastal landscape with deep fjords, tidal zones and unspoilt coves. The waters here are known for their populations of grey whales, humpback whales, orcas and various seal species. The area is also a breeding ground for many sea birds, including puffins, cormorants and bald eagles. One of the great adventures is watching brown bears in the wild, often fishing for salmon. You will be enthralled by this fascinating mix of natural beauty and vibrant life.

Day 18 Cruising at Aialik Glacier

Cruising at Aialik Glacier is just as breathtaking, with the deck tour at the bow serving as your observation platform for spectacular shows of nature. The glacier flows from the Harding Icefield in the small Kenai Fjord National Park, a protected area for the landscape of ice and deep fjords, as well as the rich wildlife. Your captain and crew will choose a course through this Alaskan gem with respect for the sensitive natural environment. Perhaps the scene will be rounded off with some impressive glacier calving, when mighty chunks of ice break off into the sea. With luck, you might also spot whales and seals in the water. If the legendary and powerful bald eagle soars overhead, your American Dream for explorers will be fulfilled in the most impressive way.

Day 19 Seward/Alaska/USA

Seward/Alaska/USA, arrival 06.00 hrs

Please note:



Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: HANSEATIC INSPIRATION/SPIRIT/NATURE

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VESSEL TYPE:	
LENGTH:	
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	
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The HANSEATIC inspiration, spirit and nature are small, state-of-the-art expedition ships with a maximum of 230 guests, offers a perfect blend of adventure and comfort for explorers seeking to uncover the world's wonders. As an international vessel conducting cruises in both English and German, it brings over 30 years of expertise from a market leader in German-speaking countries to every journey. Each expedition is a masterpiece, passionately crafted to reveal far-flung worlds--be it icy realms, tropical paradises, wildlife havens, or cultural gems--making every voyage a unique discovery aboard this exceptional ship. Features of all cabins and suites An ocean view with even more: exclusively outside cabins and suites, almost all with balconies or French balconies Spaciously designed - enjoy a relaxing stay in rooms from 21 m²/226 ft² up to 71 m²/764 ft² in size Exceptionally equipped - for example, with binoculars, Nordic Walking poles, air conditioning, coffee machine and mini bar (free of charge) and 24-hour cabin service Separable beds Rain shower and heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas) Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forwardview camera, navigation chart, films and much more Restaurants Aboard the HANSEATIC Inspiration and Spirit, a new kind of freedom blends adventure and pleasure with a culinary journey across three exceptional restaurants. The spacious HANSEATIC Restaurant offers flexible mealtimes and a free choice of seating, serving a daily-changing menu of global flavors inspired by local specialties, paired with fine wines and supported by attentive 24-hour cabin service. At the Lido Restaurant, guests can savor breakfast under the open sky or enjoy a perfectly grilled steak from the outdoor barbecue, complete with panoramic views and an open show kitchen. The specialty restaurant Nikkei fuses fine Japanese creations with modern Peruvian cuisine, delivering a unique dining experience that elevates exploration to new heights--all while bars in the Observation Lounge and HanseAtrium offer favorite drinks against stunning backdrops, from Nordic fjords to icy Antarctic vistas. Fitness and Wellness On the HANSEATIC inspiration, an extraordinary time out awaits after thrilling Zodiac rides, challenging hikes, or Arctic adventures. Unwind in the Ocean Spa, where a Finnish sauna with stunning ocean views, a gentle steam sauna, an ice fountain, and a relaxation room rejuvenate your senses, complemented by professional massages, cosmetic treatments, and eco-friendly products made from natural, vegan ingredients. Stay active in the 100 m² fitness room or separate course room--both with ocean vistas--guided by a fitness coach offering personalized advice and a variety of courses, either indoors or on deck. The pool area, with its flexible canopy, invites relaxation year-round, featuring water loungers, a whirlpool, and a bar, ensuring a perfect blend of

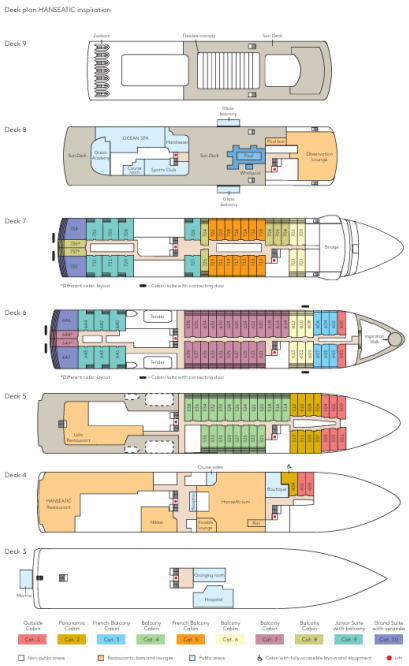
indulgence and revitalization against the backdrop of the open sea. Knowledge Shore excursions and Zodiac rides come alive with deeper context through fascinating presentations in the HanseAtrium, a high-tech lounge where experts share daily precaps and recaps, doubling as an atmospheric evening bar for films and discussions. The Ocean Academy enhances the journey with a Study Wall and interactive poster of scientific insights, microscopes for exploring hidden wonders alongside experts, and Study Seats--with swivel touchscreens--for personal dives into science. Supported by travel diaries and destination videos, this immersive experience broadens horizons with cutting-edge tools and



expertise.



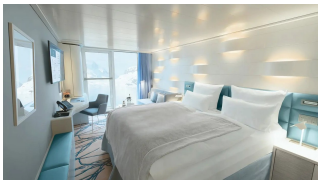
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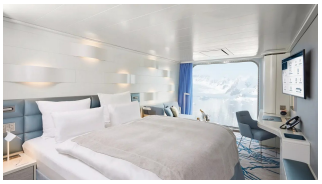
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