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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND—WILD GLACIER ADVENTURE (SAFARI QUEST)

Kayak and skiff through glacial waterways lined with icebergs. Explore sculpted islands by beachcomb or hike. Seals and seabirds welcome you to the land of big ice and big mountains. With over 20 years of exploring Alaska, nobody knows it better. Our captains and crew navigate its waterways and inlets as easily as walking the halls of their own vessel—and are always on the lookout. Spot a bear foraging for salmon on the shore and the captain swings back around so you can get a better look. There's nowhere better to be than right here.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Anchorage / Whittier – Embarkation

After you're met in Anchorage, transfer by coach to Whittier: seaside village, birder's haven, and the gateway to Prince William Sound. Come aboard, meet your crew, and unpack your adventurous spirit. (D)

DAY 2 Chenega / Icy Bay

Wake up in the glacial waterways of Icy Bay. Flowing down from the 4,000 foot surrounding peaks, Chenega, Tigertail, and Tiger glaciers are all options this morning. Hop in a skiff, and if conditions are right, kayak in a remote cove tucked into the shoreline. Your expedition team shares how glaciers sculpt and alter the landscape on a daily basis. Feel the essence of this land of the Chenega people, meaning "beneath the mountain," as you weave through these deserted islands by kayak, skiff,

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and yacht. (BLD)

DAY 3 Captain's Choice

Tuck into the southern reaches of Prince William Sound, exploring its sculpted islands. Some call it "gunkholing"—nosing around the next cove—and there's plenty to see. Search for whales, seals, sea lions, and seabirds from the bow or opt to kayak or beachcomb for a closer look at island life with natural and cultural history notes from your guides. (BLD)

DAY 4 Cordova

Accompanied by guides, head out for a hike below Sheridan Glacier this morning with an afternoon on your own to explore Cordova. Or, join your shipmates on a walking tour of this tiny fishing town at the mouth of the Copper River. With a population of 2,300 and no roads connecting to other towns, Cordova is only accessible by air or water. Take in the town's Native history by nature walk, hard charger hike, an Eyak Tribe cultural program, or Prince William Sound Science Center exploration before settling back on board for a quiet overnight anchorage. (BLD)

DAY 5 Columbia Glacier

Options aplenty this morning. Hike, kayak, skiff, or try your hand at standup paddle boarding in a quiet cove before a hearty lunch back onboard. Next up: towering icebergs born from the approaching Columbia Glacier. Winding its way 32 miles back through Chugach Mountains and with constantly changing conditions, your captain finds the best route to view this massive glacier. (BLD) Arctic terns and bald eagles, harbor seals resting on icebergs, and the massive Meares Glacier as your backdrop, Unakwik Inlet is the perfect place to dip your paddle in the water for a kayak. Or, join a skiff tour to get farther faster in glacier country. This is wilderness at its wildest. Feel the mountains closing in as you cruise through Esther Passage. View a fish hatchery and learn about Alaska's salmon species. Tonight, join your expedition leader for an interpretive presentation before a relaxing soak in the hot tub under the fading sun. (BLD)

DAY 7 College Fjord / Barry Arm

Day of the grand finales. Big mountains, big ice, and big smiles as we wind down our adventure in the company of all that is quintessentially Alaska. Sea otters float on their backs on beds of kelp. Watch them lounge before diving and rising with puffins in search of food. Take it all in from a kayak or skiff before capping off your week with a celebratory Farewell Dinner and slideshow. (BLD)

DAY 8 Whittier / Anchorage - Disembarkation

One last breakfast with new friends before your coach transfer from Whittier along Turnagain Arm on your way back to Anchorage. Then transfer back to the Anchorage airport or begin your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour. (B)

Please Note:

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

DAY 6 Unakwik Inlet / Meares Glacier

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YOUR SHIP: SAFARI QUEST

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Aboard the 22-guest Safari Quest, unwind with upscale amenities, attentive service, comfortable staterooms, and warm public spaces for a welcome experience. Guests enjoy the casually elegant salon to recap the day's activities, relax or watch a movie on the wide screen TV, and are always welcome at the yacht's fully stocked bar, or to enjoy quiet moments reading in the library. Its four decks provide ample room to get away from it all. An on-deck hot tub and fitness equipment are available on board, and a full-beam swim step allows for easy access to water activities. Onboard adventure equipment includes kayaks and stand-up paddle boards; inflatable skiffs; hiking poles; fishing poles and tackle; and hydrophones for listening to below-surface sounds. The four stateroom categories aboard the Safari Quest: Single; Mariner; Commander; Captains are suited for single and double accommodation. Common to all Safari Quest staterooms are: Heated tile floors in bathroom; Private bath with shower; Tempur-Pedic® memory foam mattresses; Flat-screen TV/DVD; and iPod docking station.

Safari Quest



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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



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ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Port taxes/fees. From 375 USD pp

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