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## DISCOVERING TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Join the inaugural voyage of the newest ship in the National Geographic fleet on an in-depth exploration of the San Juan Islands, British Columbia, and Alaska. Linger in the temperate rain forests and wildlife-rich channels of British Columbia, and enjoy ample time to explore the breathtaking fjords and towering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. Plus, discover the cultural facets of this coast during captivating performances and interactions with the Kwakwaka'wakw people of Alert Bay. An in-depth exploration of the San Juan & Gulf Islands plus British Columbia's Inside Passage. Spend a full day in the San Juan Islands hiking and kayaking with naturalists and searching for killer whales. Explore some of the hundreds of uninhabited, remote inlets and bays of the Gulf Islands. In British Columbia you'll kayak among forested islands and along wildlife-rich shorelines to see whales, dolphins, bears and more—plus observe a moving traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay. Explore Alaska's National Parks and wilderness areas. By special permit you'll sail into Glacier Bay National park and pass a full day taking in the grand scale of the park's mountains, fjords, and active glaciers. In Ford's Terror Wilderness Area you'll be able to nose your expedition landing craft or kayak up to spectacular falls or hike over the lush green earth into the mist-shrouded mountainside. And in Misty Fjords National Monument you'll be able to kayak along sheer, glacially-carved cliffs and forested backwaters. Get a slice of Alaska life. Spend an afternoon strolling the streets of the 100-year-old town of Petersburg. You'll find its charming Norwegian heritage evident, and you'll get a firsthand look at a town supported largely by fishing the region's productive waters. Visit the ships in port,

walk the colorful downtown, stop for a pint in one of the town pubs, and enjoy an evening crab feast. Travel in excellent company. Explore under the sure guidance of an expedition leader, veteran naturalists, including a National Geographic certified photo instructor and an undersea specialist, plus a wellness specialist—the largest and most knowledgeable expedition team in Alaska. Their knowledge and passion for Alaska is the key to your once-in-a-lifetime

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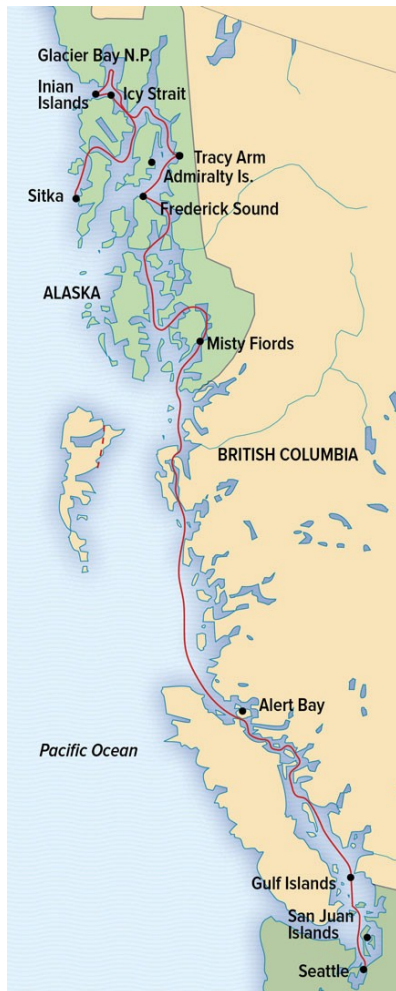
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experience.

## ITINERARY

DAY 1: Seattle/Embark

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the ship.

DAY 2: San Juan Islands, Washington

Spend a full day exploring the San Juan Islands via naturalist-led hikes and by kayak. Search for killer whales.

DAY 3: Victoria, British Columbia

Clear into Canada in the charming city of Victoria and choose from several tailor-made options to explore based on your interests. Visit private gardens, bike along the water-front, take a historical stroll through Old Town or peruse the collections at local art galleries. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at the Robert Bateman Centre while taking in the incredible collection of paintings.

DAY 4: Gulf Islands

Sail into British Columbia to kayak among forested islands and along wildlife-rich shorelines.

DAY 5: Alert Bay And Johnstone Strait, British Columbia

Observe a traditional First Nations performance in Alert Bay, visit the U'mista Cultural Center, and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people.

DAY 6-7: Inside Passage Of British Columbia

Head northward along the pristine coastline in search of whales, dolphins, bears, deer, and other wildlife. Go ashore to explore or kayak among the many bays and inlets.

DAY 8: Misty Fiords, Alaska

Cruise past glacially-carved cliffs and kayak in the stillness of Misty Fiord's forested backwaters.

DAY 9: Petersburg

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Go ashore for a

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walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan ecosystem, the “muskeg,” with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Later, enjoy an evening crab feast.

**Please Note:**

All day-by-day breakdowns are a sampling of the places we intend to visit, conditions permitting.

**DAY 10: Tracy Arm-Ford's Terror Wilderness**

Voyage into Tracy or Endicott Arm, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. See the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close and take a Zodiac cruise for an unbeatable view of sculpted icebergs.

**DAY 11: Glacier Bay National Park**

Via special park permit, spend the entire day among the enormous glaciers and expansive wilderness. Listen as the quiet stillness of the area is broken by the thunder of tons of ice calving into the sea. A native Tlingit interpreter joins us to share the lore and legend of the area. Wilderness abounds!

**DAY 12: Inian Islands / Icy Strait**

Cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside. Hike nearby islands, kayak, and search for whales in rich waters of Icy Strait.

**DAY 13: Exploring Chichagof Island**

Spend a full day searching for humpback whales in the rich waters off of Chichagof Island, kayak, hike and enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening.

**DAY 14: Sitka/Disembark/Home**

Visit Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral with its picturesque spire; walk through the Sitka National Historical Park, where totem poles line trails; and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. Transfer to the airport for flights home.



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