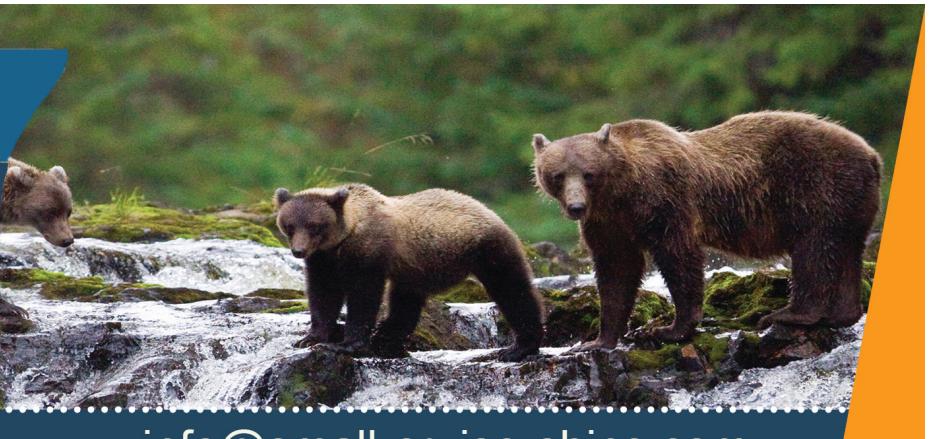




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TREASURES OF THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Linger in the temperate rainforests and wildlife-rich channels of British Columbia, and enjoy ample time to explore the breathtaking fjords and towering glaciers of Southeast Alaska. Experience the region's wildness and culture over 14 days as you learn all the facets of ancient and modern life. See First Nations performances in Alert Bay, Canada; interact with the Kwakwaka'wakw people; and visit the charming provincial capital of Victoria—and sail in waters where killer whales gather to hunt in Johnstone Strait.

DAY 1: Seattle / Embark

Arrive in Seattle this afternoon and embark the National Geographic Quest or National Geographic Venture. (D)

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. (B,L,D)

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 waterfront, take a historical stroll through Old Town, or discover James Bay on an architecture tour. In the evening, enjoy a private reception at The Bateman Gallery while taking in the incredible collection of paintings by famed wildlife artist Robert Bateman. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Gulf Islands

Located in the Strait of Georgia, between the mainland of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands are a kayaker's paradise. Explore the myriad islets and rocky coasts and keep an eye out for harbor seals and an array of sea birds, shore birds and birds of prey. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Alert Bay and Johnstone Strait, British Columbia

Visit the Big House in the First Nations village of Alert Bay, Canada and learn from the Kwakwaka'wakw people as they perform traditional dances of their ancestors. (B,L,D)

DAY 6-7: Inside Passage of British Columbia

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Cruise 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. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Misty Fjords, Alaska

Cruise past towering, glacially-carved cliffs and meandering waterfalls and kayak in the still forested backwaters of Misty Fjords National Monument. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Petersburg

Search for humpback whales as we head towards the small, fishing village of Petersburg on Mitkof Island. Go ashore for a walk along a quiet forest trail and explore the unique Southeast Alaskan muskeg ecosystem, with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. Later, enjoy an evening crab feast. (B,L,D)

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. (B,L,D)

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 National Park Ranger and a native Tlingit interpreter join us to share the lore and legend of the area. Wildness abounds! (B,L,D)

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 the nutrient-rich waters of Icy Strait. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: Exploring Baranof or Chichagof Island

Spend a full day kayaking, hiking, and searching for bubble net feeding or breaching humpback whales. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: Sitka / Disembark / Home

Visit Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral with its picturesque spire and meet eagles up close at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

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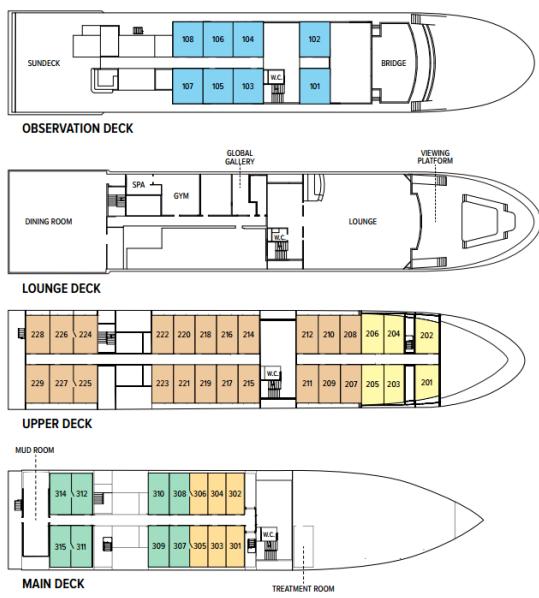
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