

Duke TRAVELS

WILD ALASKA ESCAPE:

HAINES, THE INIAN ISLANDS &
TRACY ARM FJORD

JUNE 25-30, 2024

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD



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DEAR DUKE TRAVELERS,

Among the planet's most iconic destinations, Alaska is a must-see for those who love wild nature. Our mission here is to explore and to discover the authenticity of the region, and to offer unparalleled experiences in this capital of wildness. For some time now, travelers have communicated how much they wanted to explore Alaska, but needed a shorter time frame. This compact itinerary packs the best of Alaska into six days. Perfect for active travelers, especially families, this nonstop, high-energy expedition sets a keen pace as the highlights ahead show.

Explore on the 31-cabin *National Geographic Sea Bird* and you'll discover Alaska's wildness in a way you otherwise couldn't. Our nimble expedition ship allows you to venture into secluded areas larger vessels simply cannot reach. The ship is equipped with a complete suite of exploration tools: Zodiacs, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards to enable you to get out there for up-close, personal discoveries. Plus, there's a hydrophone, bow cam, and more to make your whale-watching experiences even more memorable.

Now you can experience Alaska with all your senses thanks to the culinary team aboard the ship. All the fresh seafood you'll enjoy is sourced locally from sustainable providers, prepared with ingredients and flavors that reflect Alaska's wild bounty. Plus, with unassigned seating in the dining room, mealtimes are more than opportunities to eat well; they are also a chance to mingle with naturalists, ship's officers, and fellow guests. Engage in stimulating conversation and gain insight into the nature and culture of the region.

The expedition team is unrivaled in their knowledge of and experience in Alaska, and will ensure that you see, do, and learn more than you ever imagined possible. The naturalists will accompany you on Zodiac cruises and hikes through Alaska's forests. Through it all, a certified photo instructor is at your side and at your service to help you take your best photos ever.

Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Lindblad Expeditions to offer the Wild Alaska expedition, an opportunity to experience the last bastion of American Wilderness. Join us June 25-30, 2024 and you will have memories to last a lifetime. **To reserve your place, please return the reservation form or call (919) 684-2988.**

Forever Duke,

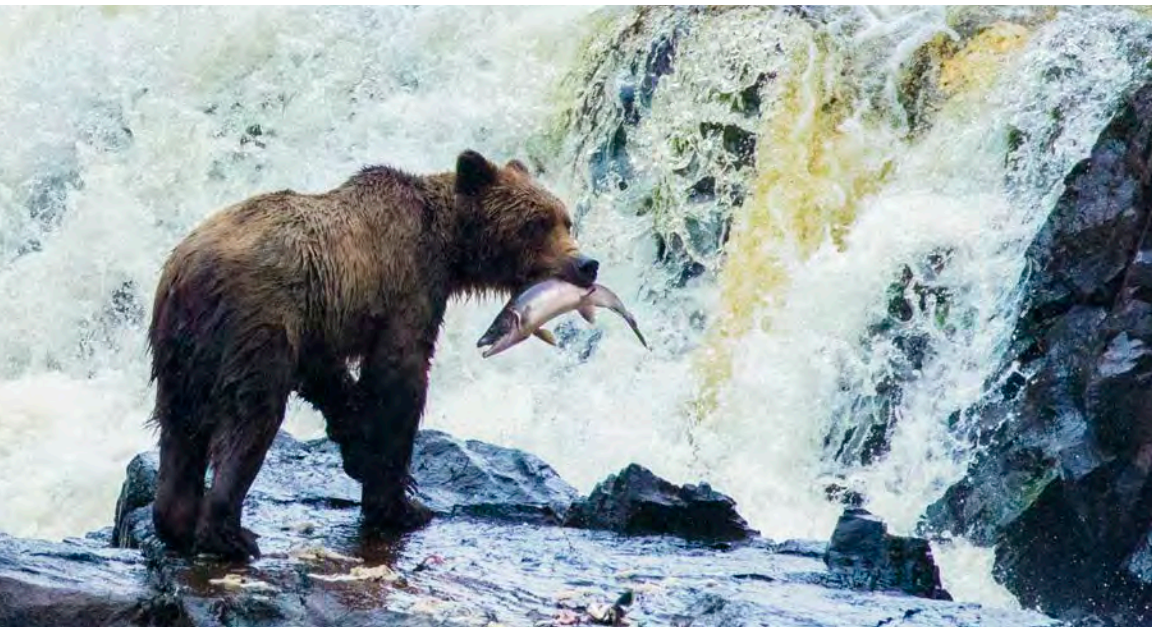


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Cover: Breaching humpback whale. © Michael S. Nolan

Opposite: Guests in Zodiac observe calving glacier.

Ship's Registry: United States



EXPERIENCE WILD ALASKA EXPEDITION STYLE



Drawing on many years of experience exploring Alaska and a network of knowledgeable insiders, our voyage will connect you to the region in a way you never thought possible. A perfectly sized ship takes you deeper inside where you'll discover authentic Alaska—the majestic bears, breaching humpbacks, old-growth forests, calving glaciers, inaccessible

vistas, and true Alaskan towns. Along the way, veteran naturalists will illuminate every facet of your expedition, providing expert commentary and spotting wildlife so you don't miss a thing.

DISCOVER HAINES: ALASKA'S ADVENTURE CAPITAL

Pedal off: Set out on a nine-mile ride along the flat, paved road carved into a steep-walled fjord. Your ride brings you along the Chilkoot River to the inlet where river and ocean meet, and salmon congregate to spawn.

Hike Mt. Riley: This gorgeous and challenging hike starts from roughly 100 feet of elevation and gains 1,660 feet in the approximately 2.8 miles to the summit. Take in beautiful views. Stop for a picnic lunch.

Catch history, see rare art, and float the river:

Explore Fort Seward on your way to the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan and the Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center. Then board rafts for a float through the heart of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve—with the largest congregation of bald eagles in the world.

Try fly fishing: Spend 3-4 hours on the river with your guide, fishing for salmon and Dolly Varden trout.

Get the local flavor: Experiencing local culture in small-town Alaska is a must. Head off with our map and list of local eating and drinking spots, and enjoy the town scene.



Opposite page (clockwise from top): Exploring via kayak near Tracy Arm Fjord; bald eagle; coastal brown bear catching salmon on Chichagof Island; explore by bike in Haines; young girl holding glacial ice. This page: Guests explore icebergs up close; dancing at Klukwan Tlingit village.



THE PERFECT PLATFORM TO DISCOVER WILD ALASKA



National Geographic Sea Bird is perfectly suited to explore regions like Southeast Alaska. Its nimble design allows us to sail into spectacular winding fjords and shallow, fast-moving channels where whales feed. You'll travel in comfort aboard the 31-cabin ship. Share the thrill of

spotting diving humpbacks or bears foraging along the shore from the bow—and use onboard tools for deeper exploration. A fleet of Zodiacs ensures quick access from on board to shores untouched by tourist infrastructure. Stand-up paddleboards and single and tandem kayaks allow you to paddle in quiet coves.

ACTIVELY EXPLORE EVERY DAY & IN EVERY WAY

Every day in Alaska brings new adventure and an array of active options. Start your morning with an energizing hike through a lush, towering forest, or choose a slower walk, with time for your naturalist to share the unique wonders of the native flora. Later on, take in a calving glacier by Zodiac, try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding, visit a typical Alaskan town, bike ride in Haines, or kayak along wildlife-rich shorelines keeping watch for swooping bald eagles and gregarious sea lions. When you prefer, stay aboard to read or enjoy a wellness treatment in the spa. There's never one-size-fits-all scheduling here: choose your activities and staff members to join daily.



Opposite page (clockwise from top): Guests aboard Zodiac witness glacier calving; your ship carries a fleet of kayaks for personal exploration; fleet of Zodiacs returns after a day of exploring; watching for eagles and wildlife on a river float trip in the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve; orca encounter near the Inian Islands. This page: National Geographic Sea Bird; Alaska's still waters are perfect for kayaking.



EXPLORE WITH THE BEST TEAM IN ALASKA



Learn, see, and do more by exploring with experts who know the region best. Share the adventure with an expedition leader, a team of naturalists, and a certified photo instructor. Since personal attention is important, you explore with one staff member for every ten guests—the best naturalist to guest ratio in Alaska.

And you're able to gravitate towards individuals whose interests mirror your own—photography, the undersea, whales, botany, or something different daily. Benefit from a variety of expertise, perfectly sized groups on hikes, diverse perspectives, and engaging personalities.

LEARN HOW TO CAPTURE THE SHOT

A certified photo instructor travels with you throughout your voyage. They are on board and in the field to assist with your camera settings, the basics of composition, and much more. Not only is the instructor an excellent photographer, more importantly, they are also a naturalist who can teach you how to observe and understand wildlife behavior so you aim at just the right time and place for a great shot. Now everyone, at every skill level, can go home with shots they're proud to share.



Opposite page (clockwise from top): Bald eagles perched atop an iceberg; guests of all ages receive learning opportunities in the field; a naturalist maneuvers a Zodiac for brown bear photo ops; sea stars spotted in tidepool; humpback whale fluke. This page: The bow is a perfect spot for discovering Alaska's beauty; guest aims camera for the perfect shot.

WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: HAINES, THE INIAN ISLANDS & TRACY ARM FJORD

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS — ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*



Explore wild Alaska on an active, exciting expedition to see the region's iconic wildlife and epic landscapes in the comfortable time frame of just one week. Take world-class hikes through forests of towering trees, kayak or stand-up paddleboard in calm bays for up-close discoveries, and raft from an ancient Alaskan native village—all with our nimble expedition ship as your moving base camp.

DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka, Alaska, situated on the western coast of Baranof Island and overlooking the Pacific Ocean, in the early afternoon and embark *National Geographic Sea Bird* in time for cocktails and an introduction of the vessel's staff and crew. (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Explore the breathtaking bays of Baranof or Chichagof. Both islands are part of the ancient Tongass National Forest. Chichagof harbors one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world, and both islands are home to diverse wildlife. Kayak or paddleboard along rugged coastlines and go hiking through the temperate rainforest, listening for bald eagles calling out from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: ICY STRAIT & THE INIAN ISLANDS

Spend today searching for wildlife in nutrient-rich waters where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options include a Zodiac cruise among the Inian Islands, home to a sizeable population of Steller sea lions; kayaking in the protected coves of Chichagof Island; or hiking in lush temperate rainforest where bald eagles dot the canopies. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HAINES

A paradise for adventure seekers, Haines offers the chance to cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, go fly fishing for salmon and Dolly Verdon trout, or choose from an array of world-class hikes. Other options include a visit to the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation before rafting down the Chilkat River. This day brims with options. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Wake up in Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Ford's Terror Wilderness. Cruise through this glacier-sculpted fjord, then set out to explore by Zodiac. View the soaring Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier up close—and keep an eye out for the dramatic sight of huge slabs of ice breaking off and crashing into the water below. If conditions permit, paddle a kayak below the steep walls of the fjord. Celebrate your voyage with a farewell dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK

After breakfast, disembark in Juneau and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

EXPLORE TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

A Forest Service Special Use Permit for Tongass National Forest enables you to hike and kayak in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska.





NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD

CAPACITY: 31 outside cabins accommodating 62 guests.

OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet. **REGISTRY:** United States.

PUBLIC AREAS: The ship features a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables; and LEXspa. An open Bridge provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with Wi-Fi and multiple electrical and USB outlets. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essentials Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles, and a *National Geographic Atlas* are available in each cabin.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Zodiacs, kayaks, paddleboards, bow camera, hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.

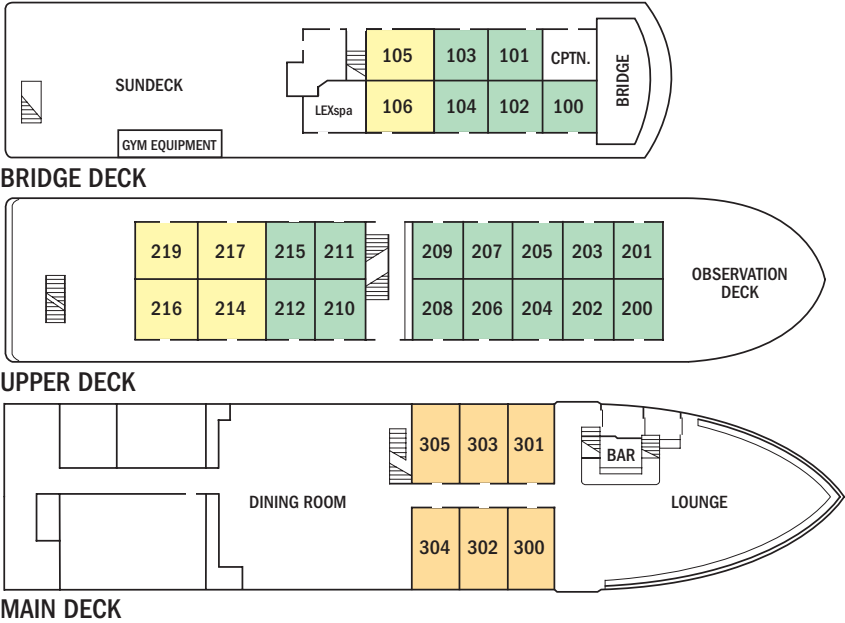
SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Wi-Fi access. A certified photo instructor is on board.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa, and outdoor stretching area.

SUSTAINABILITY: Lindblad Expeditions takes responsible, sustainable travel to heart. For over 50 years, our expeditions have inspired travelers to protect the ocean, conserve wildlife, bolster local communities, and enable meaningful scientific research. We are 100% carbon neutral and dedicated to green business practices at every level of our operations. When you travel with us, you'll eat sustainable meals, experience our commitment to single-use plastic-free travel, and be aboard the industry's first self-disinfecting expedition ships, prioritizing your health and safety. Feel good about exploring with us and preserve the planet for future generations.



From left: Category 2 cabin with single beds; the lounge is the center of life aboard ship; the sundeck is a perfect place to relax and observe the scenery.



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 — Conveniently positioned between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single beds and a large window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 — These well-located cabins include two single beds and a window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 — These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large windows. Upper Deck cabins include two single

beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two single beds only.

NOTE: Solo occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

VOYAGE DATES	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 1 SOLO	CAT. 2 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT
June 25-30, 2024	\$4,950	\$6,150	\$7,130	\$7,350	\$8,670	15% of the cabin fare, per person

INCLUSIVE PRICING

- ✓ All accommodations aboard ship
- ✓ All meals as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits (super premium wines and liquors are available for purchase)
- ✓ Nonalcoholic beverages, including 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda on demand
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Exploration tools such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks
- ✓ The guidance and company of our leading expedition staff
- ✓ Presentations by the expedition staff
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, and port taxes
- ✓ Services of a medical professional
- ✓ Transfers to and from designated flights
- ✓ Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ Complimentary refillable water bottle

SPECIAL OFFERS

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES: Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, \$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

BRING THE KIDS: Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 discount extended to all guests under the age of 18. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For best pricing book early. Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, August 28, 2023, are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

COST INCLUDES: All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; additional hotel nights; crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services; travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel protection and medical insurance are strongly recommended and are available at an extra cost.

ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (REAL ID/passport/visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country, if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

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CANCELLATION POLICY	
Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
120 or more days	No penalty: Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition**
119–90 days	50% of trip cost***
89-0 days	100% of trip cost***
<p>**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.</p> <p>***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare, and other additional services.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.</p>	



Please call to reserve:

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RESERVATION FORM WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: HAINES, THE INIAN ISLANDS & TRACY ARM FJORD

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Please reserve _____ place(s).

Guest 1: _____ DOB: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Guest 2: _____ DOB: _____
(As it appears on passport)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Accommodations: Double Single Twin share with a friend
 Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____

Advance Payment Information: 15% of the cabin fare, per person

If paying by check, please make payable to: **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ _____

If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.

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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- » See humpback whales, brown bears, and bald eagles—iconic Alaskan wildlife.
- » Glide around incredible icebergs in Zodiacs.
- » Discover Alaska's dramatic bays by kayak.
- » Raft the Chilkat River with local guides and stop at a Tlingit village.
- » Explore Haines, the “adventure capital of Alaska,” via raft, bicycle, or hiking.
- » Travel with experienced naturalists and a certified photo instructor.

100% CARBON NEUTRAL AND COMMITTED TO BEING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC-FREE

We have chosen Lindblad Expeditions because they care deeply about the planet and see travel as a powerful force for good.

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