

NPCA TRAVEL



The Travel Program of the National Parks Conservation Association

Sept. 12-19, 2021

TWO
FULL DAYS
WITHIN

Glacier Bay National Park

*Explore the western-most arm of the bay—
the stomping grounds for bears, wolves,
mountain goats, eagles*

PLUS

Natural history educational programs
from expert onboard guides

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Glacier Bay National Park Adventure Cruise

  **Activity level: Easy to Moderate**

AVAILABLE DATES: September 12-19, 2021 | Max: 74

7 days/6 nights | **NPCA Member Price:** Starting at \$5,195 per person. Book by January 31, 2021 and receive \$800 off per cabin. **Ship Information:** Wilderness Explorer (74 guests, 37 cabins, 28 crew members - 3:1 Guest-to-crew ratio)

Arrive/Depart: Juneau, Alaska

Reservations: Please contact Jared Dial, NPCA's Travel Program Manager, at 1.800.628.7275 or email the Travel Program at travel@npca.org.

Deposit: \$100 deposit, due at registration (refundable up to 72 hours after payment is received)

Inclusions: Seven nights' accommodations aboard ship; onboard meals; onboard spirits, wine, beer, non-alcoholic beverages; transfers and baggage handling between airport/vessel on embark/disembark days; entry fees to parks/preserves; all from-the-vessel activities and equipment; wellness amenities: hot tub, fitness equipment, and yoga mats.

Exclusions: Airfare to/from Juneau, luggage charges, discretionary gratuities to vessel's crew, port taxes /fees (\$375), travel protection, and optional excursions and land tours.

Explore parts of Glacier Bay National Park that 99% of visitors never visit. On this eight-day small-ship cruise, you will get an up-close look at glaciers, old-growth forests, and sea life. Hike remote coastlines and take in diverse birding at South Marble Island. Here, you can search for wildlife like bears, sea lions, seals, porpoises and eagles. With a guest to crew ratio of 3:1, you will enjoy the comfort of having a robust onboard team, each with a fierce love of travel and appreciation for the wilderness, to make your journey unforgettable. Glacier Bay National Park, located on the coast of southeast Alaska, offers snowy mountain peaks, narrow fjords, bays, harbors, scattered islands, a temperate rainforest of spruces and hemlocks, and numerous glaciers. Two hundred years ago, the area was covered by a glacier more than 4,000 feet thick that extended more than 100 miles to the St. Elias Mountain Range. By the 20th century, it had drawn back 65 miles from the bay's mouth. This is the most rapid glacial retreat ever recorded. Today, icebergs continue to break off into the bay in a process called ice calving. On your trip, you'll have the opportunity to experience this firsthand as you watch from a safe distance. NPCA is proud to partner with UnCruise Adventures as we both share a commitment to protecting the fragile ecosystems and local communities in and around national parklands.

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DAY Juneau, Alaska - Embarkation

1 Arriving in Juneau, you will be greeted at the airport and transferred to our check-in area. Later in the afternoon, your crew greets you on board with champagne and smiles. Set sail for a week of scenic channels and secluded wilderness. **(D)**

DAY Tracy Arm

2 Take an early peek outside. Fjord cliffs reach skyward. Floating ice. And deep u-shaped valleys. There's no abracadabra here. Mother Nature's magic is real. Cruise past harbor seals and their pups lounging on chunks of ice. **Tracy Arm** delivers with the cotton-candy blue twin **Sawyer Glaciers** of its furthest reaches. Tides permitting, your skiff driver knows the ropes and guides you along. It's a mashup of towering walls, temperamental currents, and the Coastal Mountains. So many waterfalls. Mountain goats show off fancy footwork on the cliffs. Look for them. **(B, L, D)**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Bushwhack and hike in old-growth forests and glacial outwash fields
- Explore Tidewater glaciers: Margerie, Grand Pacific, and the twin Sawyers
- Search for wildlife—bears, sea lions, seals, porpoises, eagles
- Whale watch in Frederick Sound



DAY 3 Frederick Sound

3 Humpbacks beeline it here each season to feed on krill, zooplankton, and herring. Watch for whales feasting in these abundant glacial waters. Hang out and enjoy the show. Cruise past **Five Finger Lighthouse**, Alaska's oldest light station and **The Brothers Islands**, where sea lions nap on rocky nobs. Tonight, toast to a whale of a day in Alaska. *(B, L, D)*

DAY 4 Icy Strait

4 Before you do anything, look out the window. From kelp-lined channels to hemlock and spruce forests, every inch of this far northwest corner is worth exploring. And today's adventures promise to be as big as the water is deep! Seals and sea lions haul out on rocky outcroppings, resting before they disappear in the water to search for food. If the tides are right, head out in the skiff with one of your guides for a closer peek along the rugged shore, or perhaps, make it all the way to **George Island**. Whatever you do—wilderness trekking, skiffing, or paddling—your expedition team guides the way. *(B, L, D)*

DAY 5 Glacier Bay National Park

5 This crown jewel of America's national parks covers 3.3 million acres (that's a tad smaller than the state of Connecticut). Let that sink in. Most visitors see the same sliver of the park as everyone else. Not you. You're going the furthest and exploring parts that 99% of visitors never go to. And you have two days to do it. Get started! **Taylor Bay** sea stacks and rocky shores make for good adventure. Or hike the outwash field of glaciers winding down the **Fairweather Mountain Range**. The cool breeze off the nearby snow and icefields is energizing. If you motor over to **Dundas Bay**, keep your eye out for bears, humpbacks, and if you're lucky, a wolf sighting. Kayak the bay. Bushwhack into the forest. Discover **Glacier Bay** outback. *(B, L, D)*

DAY 6 Glacier Bay National Park

6 Your camera's memory card needs plenty of room. A National Park ranger comes aboard joining your adventures in Glacier Bay. **South Marble Island** is abuzz with activity. Rare sea birds, black oystercatchers, and orange-beaked tufted puffins can't be missed. A colony of raucous sea lions adds to the hubbub. They add a distinct aroma to the air, too. Tucking into silent **Tidal Inlet**—the stomping grounds for bears, wolves, mountain goats, eagles—the backdrop is spectacular. At the end of the western-most arm of the bay sits **Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers**. And possible views of glacial calving. Take it all in on deck. *(B, L, D)*

Glacier Bay is a wildlife lover's paradise!
This park has it all—from foraging brown bears and mountain goats navigating rocky peaks, to pods of passing orcas and breaching humpback whales, puffins, bald eagles, and more.

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DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS





Tongass National Forest, Alaska

DAY 7 Chatham Strait

Find a perch on the bridge with your captain, or with your guides on the bow, and watch for whales and other creatures before tucking into Port Frederick or another inlet in the Tongass National Forest. Any spot's a good one to pull over and stretch your legs. Hike, paddle, or skiff your way through this remote corner with bears on the shoreline, seals bobbing on the surface, and welcoming boughs of moss in the trees. It's all yours

to explore. Back on the boat, there's a treat in store—the Farewell Dinner and some special memories from your crew. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 8 Juneau – Disembarkation

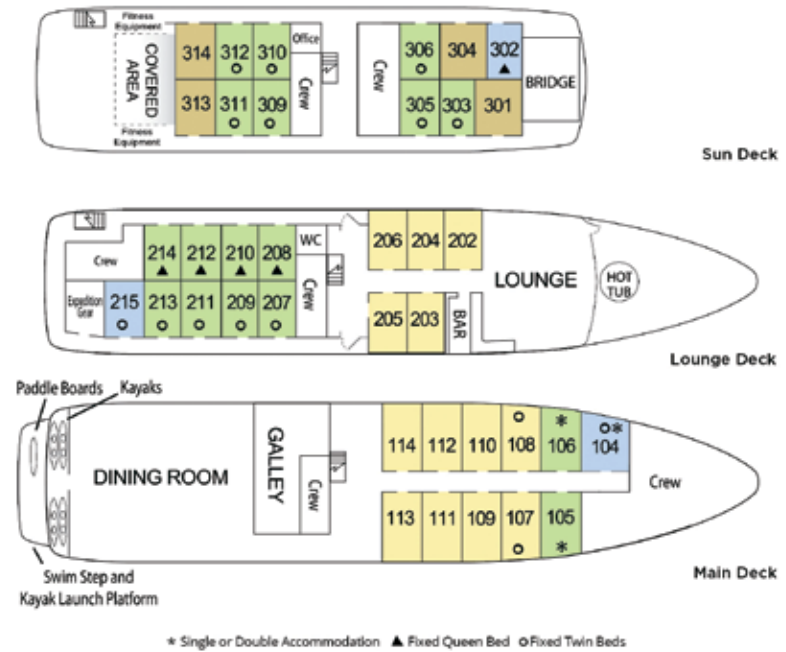
Linger over breakfast this morning cruising into Juneau. Wish your crew and new friends goodbye. Then it's off to the airport or begin your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour. **(B)**

Pricing

TRB	PAT	XPL	Port Taxes/Fees
\$5,195	\$5,695	\$6,695	\$375

Trip Cancellation Policy: Cancellation notice must be submitted in writing and is effective upon date of receipt.

Until 120 days prior to trip start	119-91 days prior	90-46 days prior	45 days prior
Deposit is 50% refundable per person	Forfeiture of deposit	Refund less 50% of trip cost per person	No refund



EXPLORER: Queen wallbed allows for a bedroom or a living room with the flip of a bed; view window; private bath with shower

PATHFINDER: Queen or twin beds; view window; private bath with shower

TRAILBLAZER: Queen or twin beds; view window; private bath with shower

TRAILBLAZER: Double wallbed (105-106); view window; private bath with shower

Trailblazer, Pathfinder, and Explorer Cabins available only.



Travel Insurance: To protect yourself from the loss of deposit and cancellation fees, you are encouraged to purchase travel insurance. If you need assistance, NPCA recommends contacting Travel Insurance Services; confirmation packets will include details.

Traveler Responsibility: Travelers are responsible for choosing an NPCA trip consistent with their ability, fitness, and overall health. All travelers are required to complete and return their registration form, personal information form, flight form, and waiver before being allowed to participate in a trip. Travelers also are responsible for reading and understanding all pre-departure materials and bringing the appropriate clothing and gear as suggested.

COVID19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

NPCA is always committed to providing high quality tours that ensure the well-being and safety of our members and supporters. Each of our travel partners have developed robust safety protocols to protect the health of our guests, staff, and the communities we visit. As conditions and guidelines continue to evolve, our travel partners are committed to easing concerns and creating flexible options for those interested in rescheduling or booking new travel. NPCA advises all individuals to follow the guidance of public health experts at the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization in protecting themselves and their communities from the coronavirus. Specific guidelines such as health screenings and social distancing will be determined based on the trip's date of departure and group size. Please contact us for details.



Why Travel with NPCA?

SAFETY AND FLEXIBILITY

Your health and safety is our top priority. NPCA has worked with each of our travel partners to develop safety measures for our 2021 trips in response to the global pandemic.

EXPERT TRIP LEADERS

Every trip will be led by an NPCA staff expert and naturalist guide. We are teaming up with experienced tour operators to give you exclusive insights into your national parks.

SMALL-SIZED GROUPS

Group size on each of our land trips is limited to no more than 16 people to maximize your interactions with experts, enhance wildlife viewing and boost educational opportunities throughout your experience.

CONVENIENT TRAVEL

Everything is included in your tour, including meals, accommodations, snacks, interpretive guides, special speakers, transportation within the destination and all activities (unless otherwise stated).

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS

NPCA partners with tour operators that support cultural and natural heritage, maximize the economic benefits in the destinations we operate in and establish guidelines for managing environmental impacts.

EXCELLENT VALUE

Our tours offer members the opportunity to explore the parks without the hassle of planning or the frustrations of crowds. We handle the logistics, so you don't have to.

NPCA EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

Starting in 2021, we will offer a handful of unique tours designed to give you exclusive experiences within the parks and special behind-the-scenes access to National Park Service staff, NPCA partners, and other local specialists. Our goal is to offer NPCA members the best itineraries in adventure and educational travel in the places we know best: America's national parks. Our custom-designed itineraries highlight NPCA's important contributions to park protection while delivering outstanding interpretive hikes and sight-seeing in national parks around the country.

NPCA is the only independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocacy on behalf of the National Park System. We are 100% privately funded and we rely on donations from individuals like you. One traveler per group must be an active NPCA member to participate in an NPCA trip. An annual membership starts at \$15 per person. Please make dues payable to NPCA by check or credit card at npca.org.