

NPCATRAVEL



The Travel Program of the National Parks Conservation Association

AUGUST 25–SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

EXPLORING ALASKA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS CRUISE

WITNESS

WATERFALLS CASCADING
FROM GLACIALLY
CARVED WALLS

SEARCH

FOR MARINE MAMMALS
IN THE NUTRIENT-RICH
WATERS OF ICY STRAIT

HIKE

IN THE WILD REMOTE
AREAS OF TONGASS
NATIONAL FOREST

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, AK



Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness Cruise

AVAILABLE DATES: August 25–September 1, 2024

Length of Tour: 8 days/7 nights

NPCA Member Price: From \$7,011 per person
Pricing varies by Cabin Category type (refer to Deck plan for layout)

Deposit: 15% of the cabin rate per person

Arrive/Depart: Sitka, Alaska; Juneau, Alaska

Reservations: Please contact NPCA's National Parks Experiences Program at **1.800.628.7275** or email travel@npca.org.

Ship: *National Geographic Quest* (100 guests in 50 spacious outside cabins)

Activity Level: Our trips are appropriate for people in good health with overall good mobility. Travelers should be comfortable participating in up to three hours of physical activity per day, which includes walking or standing for extended periods (sometimes on uneven terrain) and climbing stairs. Daily activities on this cruise are always offered in different levels - slow, moderate and faster paced hikes. Any physical conditions requiring special attention, diet or treatment should be reported when booking to determine what accommodations can be made.

Inclusions: All accommodations aboard ship; all meals; all nonalcoholic beverages, beer, wine, cocktails and spirits (super premium wines and liquors are available for purchase); hors d'oeuvres and snacks during recap in the lounge; all excursions; exploration tools such as Zodiacs, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards; the guidance and expertise of leading expedition staff; lectures and presentations; transfers to and from designated flights; a gym and morning stretch classes; fully stocked library; complimentary reusable water bottle; special access permits, park fees and port taxes; and gratuities to local guides.

Exclusions: Airfare; REAL ID, passport and visa expenses if necessary; travel protection plan; meals not indicated on itinerary; discretionary gratuities to ship's crew; items of a personal nature; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi and phone services; certain super-premium brands of alcohol.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy to Moderate



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



- Spend an entire day amid the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of **Glacier Bay National Park**
- Look for brown bears, mountain goats, orca and humpback whales, puffins and Stellar sea lions alongside an **expert naturalist**
- Witness the soaring **Dawes** or **South Sawyer Glacier** up close for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs

FEATURED BIO: RYAN VALDEZ



Meet **Ryan Valdez**. Ryan serves as NPCA's director for conservation science and policy. He facilitates the application of multidisciplinary science focused on air/climate, energy, landscapes, water and wildlife toward conservation strategies helping to protect U.S. national parks.



Embark on an awe-inspiring 8-day expedition into the remarkable wonders of Southeast Alaska.

Aboard the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*, sail through fast-moving channels where whales return to feed year after year and bears, sea lions and eagles can be spotted in their natural habitat. Get a closer view of curious wildlife among electric blue icebergs on a cruise by Zodiac. And spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park. You'll have exclusive access to NPCA staff experts who will provide an inside look at NPCA's on-going work in Alaska, including a recent win to halt the

proposed Pebble Mine, a massive gold mine in the headwaters of Bristol Bay that would have had catastrophic impacts on local communities and the world's largest sockeye salmon run.

Make the expedition as active as you choose, joining a variety of knowledgeable naturalists each day to gain a broad perspective on the significance of this magnificent region. Go for a hike in the wild remote areas of Tongass National Forest by special permit, kayak into secluded inlets and discover Alaska's seldom-seen, vibrant marine life as revealed by our undersea specialist. Your great adventure among the mist-shrouded fjords and tidewater glaciers is calling.

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DAY 1 AUGUST 25: Arrivals to Sitka

1 Arrive by 2:00 PM in **Sitka, Alaska**, situated on the western coast of **Baranof Island** and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A member of Lindblad Expeditions team will transfer guests to the *National Geographic Quest* in time for cocktails and an introduction of the vessel staff and crew.

*Please note: NPCA encourages you to arrive a day early for an optional group trip to **Sitka National Historical Park** on the morning of August 25th. (D)*

DAY 2 AUGUST 26: Southeast Alaska's Islands, Bays and Fjords

2 Today, nature is our guide as we set forth to view wild-life with the flexibility to take advantage of weather conditions. We may stop at an isolated beach to beach-comb, explore tide pools and hike stunning forest trails. We'll keep an eye out for old bear tracks worn into the soil as you move from forest to meadow. Sightings of bald eagles are common. If conditions permit, we will do some kayaking, always watching for marine and terrestrial life. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 3 AUGUST 27: Icy Strait and the Inian Islands

3 We'll explore among the **Inian Islands**, where an abundance of Steller sea lions and sea otters reside, and search for marine mammals in the nutrient-rich waters of **Icy Strait**. Then we'll choose the perfect hiking spot around **Chichagof Island**, where sightings of bald eagles are common. **(B, L, D)**



DAY 4 AUGUST 28: Glacier Bay National Park

4 Today, we'll spend the entire day amid the coves, fjords, tidewater glaciers and majestic mountains of **Glacier Bay National Park**. We'll witness glaciers that end abruptly at the water's edge and observe them calving, a process during which chunks of ice break off from a glacier's edge, often with thunderous sound. Mountain goats scaling the peaks as well as harbor seals, Steller sea lions and puffins are some of the creatures we may observe. A visit to **Tidal Inlet** may also bring the sight of brown bears lumbering up the hillside. **(B, L, D)**



DAY 5 AUGUST 29: Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait

5 These waters are prime areas for both orca and humpback whales. With luck, guests may observe their fascinating behavior — breaching, tail-slapping and variations on feeding — as we fill the deck and listen to the play-by-play from our expert naturalists. We will explore spectacular bays and inlets, following bear trails and salmon streams. Once ashore, we have the opportunity to walk along a quiet forest trail. The still waters are excellent for kayaking, offering another option for up-close exploration. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 6 AUGUST 30: Petersburg

6 We visit the small Alaska fishing town of Petersburg on **Mitkof Island** today, which still retains much of its Norwegian heritage. We'll explore a unique Southeast Alaska ecosystem, the muskeg, with stunted trees and carnivorous plants. There is an opportunity to stretch our legs with an optional bike ride around town. For dinner, we will enjoy a crab feast. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 7 AUGUST 31: Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness

7 We'll start the day on a voyage into **Tracy or Endicott Arm**, both spectacular fjords, with waterfalls cascading from glacially carved walls. We'll see the soaring **Dawes or South Sawyer Glacier** up close and take a cruise in a Zodiac for an unbeatable view among sculpted icebergs. Keep an eye out for harbor seals, harbor porpoises and arctic terns. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 8 SEPTEMBER 1: Juneau, Alaska / Disembark Trip

8 After breakfast we disembark in **Juneau**. Take time to visit the local shops before exploring the newly constructed **Alaska State Museum**, with its sprawling collection of natural history and cultural artifacts. Transfer to the airport for connecting flights home. **(B)**

Accommodations and activities are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond NPCA's control.

LEFT: Coastal Brown Bear, Chichagof Island
CENTER: Margerie Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park
TOP RIGHT: Humpback Whale Fluke
BOTTOM RIGHT: Juneau, AK

Pricing: Pricing varies by Cabin Category type (refer to Deck plan for layout)

CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	CAT. 4	CAT. 5 Suite	CAT. 1 Solo	CAT. 2 Solo
\$7,790 \$7,011	\$8,730 \$7,857	\$9,240 \$8,316	\$10,270 \$9,243	\$11,360 \$10,224	\$11,690 \$10,521	\$13,130 \$11,817

Final Payment: Payment is 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.

Special 10% Group Savings: Save 10% on the cabin fare (as noted above) when traveling with the **National Parks Conservation Association**. Valid on this departure date of **Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness** Aboard *National Geographic Quest*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

\$500 off for kids under 18: National Geographic Global Explorers, created in conjunction with National Geographic Education, is a unique, hands-on program that teaches kids and teens 18 and under how to explore the natural world like scientists. On every Alaska expedition, kids and teens choose fun activities, from earning a Zodiac "driver's license" to recording wildlife sightings in their Field Notebook. Each learning opportunity is designed to help them see and do more.

Lindblad Expeditions' certified field educators at the helm of the National Geographic Global Explorers program are experts at interpreting the fascinating stories of species and their habitats so kids and teens can return home inspired to protect the planet. Educators are specifically trained to lead invigorating activities and to teach about specific plant and animal features like the scales on a fish or a giant coral head. Kids are also given creative flexibility to record their observations in their Field Notebook and tell stories about what they see and do through photos, videos, music and drawings. In this program, mentors help drive them to lead the next generation of explorers.

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

120 or more days prior to departure	April 27, 2024	119-90 days prior to departure	89-0 days prior
Deposit will be credited toward your next expedition*	Final payment is due	50% of trip cost is refundable	No refund

*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.

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 through USI Affinity at 1-800-937-1387 or at <http://my.travelinsure.com/npc>; email confirmation packets will include additional 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 NPCA waiver of liability, personal information form, flight form and accept Lindblad Expeditions' Terms and Conditions before being allowed to participate in a trip. Travelers are also responsible for reading and understanding all pre-departure materials and bringing appropriate clothing and gear.

Entry and Visa Requirements: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (REAL ID/passport/ transit visa/entry visa) for the country 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.

Other Terms & Conditions: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) 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.

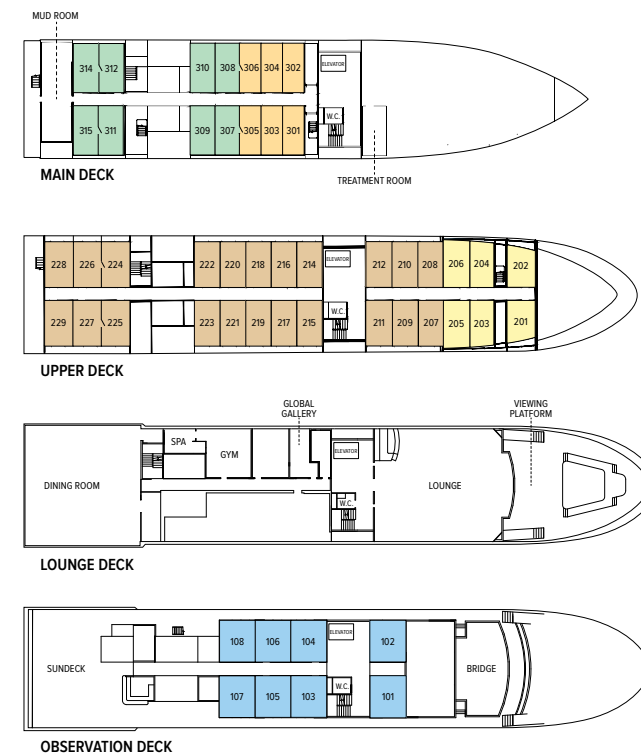
Note: Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of publication, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. 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.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Each of our travel partners have developed robust safety protocols to protect the health of our guests, staff and the communities we visit. [Click here for up-to-date protocols for this trip](#). Please contact us for details.



Ship: National Geographic Quest



CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins face outside with a large window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins face outside with a sliding glass door and small private balcony, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror, convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person, expanded bathroom and extra closet space.

NOTE: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one-half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

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Why Travel with NPCA and Lindblad Expeditions?

NPCA has partnered with Lindblad Expeditions for over ten years. We partner with Lindblad because of their commitment to educational travel, sustainability and for our shared commitment to protecting national park lands. Lindblad Expeditions has been a leader in small-ship expedition travel since 1966 when Lars-Eric Lindblad brought the first non-scientific travelers to Antarctica.

IMMERSIVE TRAVEL

For over 50 years, Lindblad Expeditions has led the way in expedition travel. Their small, nimble ships and onboard experts change the way you see the world through one-of-a-kind, immersive, and educational experiences that bring you closer to nature than ever before.

TRAVEL WITH EASE

Take the burden off yourself and let us plan the details for you. All you need to do is show up and we will help you create memories that last for a lifetime.

TRAVEL FOR GOOD

By booking this trip with us, a small portion of your trip cost supports NPCA's mission to protect the parks for present and future generations. Plus, as a 100% carbon-neutral company and a commitment to conservation and sustainability, traveling with Lindblad Expeditions means traveling for good.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Lindblad's team of naturalists add perspective and personality to your experience. In addition, you will be joined by at least one NPCA expert who will give unique insights into our park protection work in the Channel Islands and around the country.

BUILD CONNECTIONS

In addition to connecting with new cultures and incredible landscapes, you will form lasting relationships with other park enthusiasts who also appreciate the importance of discovery in travel.

Harbor Seal, Juneau, AK

NPCA is the only independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advocacy on behalf of the National Park System. Over 70% of our funding comes from donations from individuals like you. NPCA trips are an exclusive NPCA member benefit. One traveler per group must be an 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.