

ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE

SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS



In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys this cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture.



DATES: 2024- Jul 05, 20

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: VANCOUVER, CANADA

DISEMBARK: SITKA, ALASKA

SHIPS: LE SOLEAL

FROM: \$6,650

(All inclusive, Including Air Sitka to Seattle)

Expedition Highlights

- A voyage specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers including discussions with experts, transfers before and after your cruise, and an included activity in each port of call.
- Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts, including natural history filmmaker John Grabowska and geologist Scott Burns.
- Discover Alaska's breathtaking landscapes: fjords, glaciers, waterfalls, and primal forests.
- Encounter abundant wildlife on sea, on land and in the air: orcas, humpback whales, brown bears, black bears, sea otters, bald eagles, and more.
- Hike in Sitka National Historical Park, the world's largest temperate rainforest.
- Learn about Alaska Native culture in Metlakatla, Kake, and Sitka.
- Visit the "little Russia" of Sitka and the "little Norway" of Petersburg.
- Learn alongside a team of experienced naturalists.

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Day 1 — VANCOUVER, CANADA

Verdant and cosmopolitan, Vancouver is one of Canada's most multi-cultural cities. Located in British Columbia on Canada's west coast, it's surrounded by mountains and outdoor activities are popular. NOTE: It is important to arrive at least one day prior to avoid problems associated with delays in arrival. We are happy to assist with hotel.

Day 2 — CRUISING JOHNSTONE STRAIT

Along the northeast coast of Vancouver Island, Johnstone Strait is a 100 km-long channel formed by an old glacier bed, dotted with a string of lush islands. Sailing amid this wilderness offers fantastic opportunities to observe the wildlife. Humpback whales and resident orcas can be found in the cool and sheltered waters of the strait, and you can try to spot some from your ship's deck, or your private balcony.

Day - 3 — METLAKATLA, ALASKA

On the western coast of Annette Island, the small settlement of Metlakatla will welcome you for a timeless experience. Founded in 1887 by a group of Tsimshians, from British Columbia, the Annette Island Reserve is today the only federal reservation for the indigenous peoples of Alaska. You will have the opportunity to discover their culture, between local arts and crafts, artistic performance and discovering the famous totem poles. A walking tour is also on the agenda for this port of call, in the heart of Alaskan culture.

Day 4 — MISTY FJORDS, ALASKA

Rain forest, hypnotic blue lakes, snowy peaks, glacier valleys, waterfalls... You will behold a heavenly vision. This United States monument covering some 8,600 square kilometers is a designated Wilderness Area. This awesome countryside rolls out its majestic carpet of cedars, fir spruces and hemlocks. Here, you can feel Nature's throbbing heartbeat. You may be lucky enough to spot some of the many animal inhabitants, such as sea otters, sea lions and grizzlies.



Day 5 — PETERSBURG, ALASKA

Picture this: all around you, translucent waters. In the distance - snow-capped mountains. This is the vision that greets you on disembarking in Petersburg, one of Alaska's largest commercial fishing towns. The heart of the Tongass National forest is for people who yearn for a lungful of the great outdoors. There is some fauna here including no less than 240 species of birds, seals, sea lions, humpback whales. Another special feature of this very lively town is its penchant for art. On its pavements and facades you can admire several murals, totems and sculptures.



Day 6 — KAKE, ALASKA

Discover the small Tlingit village of Kake, around 60 kilometers west of Petersburg. Located on Kupreanof Island, it houses a community of over 500 inhabitants. Kake is paradise for salmon, which spawn in the Gunnuk River near the village. Bald eagles often make an appearance, as do black bears, which come to enjoy the fish.

ENDICOTT ARM

In the heart of the Alexander Archipelago, Endicott Arm fjord is a short inlet on the southern coast of Alaska that boasts spectacular views of virgin wilderness. The azure-blue waters, snow-capped mountains and lush forest are incredible but the main attraction is the Dawes glacier, whose vast, bluish back snakes down the mountain's flank. Weather permitting, you can observe how icebergs are formed by getting a closer look at the white cliff where glacier meets water, or just enjoy watching the resident harbour seals frolicking in the icy waters.

Day 7 – POINT ADOLPHUS

Adolphus Point is located opposite the magnificent Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. This dreamlike site is world famous for watching humpback whales. In the summer season, these majestic mammals come to feed in the nutrient-rich waters. They sometimes even come a few dozen feet from the shoreline, close to the houses and marinas. Orcas, sea lions,... maybe you'll happen upon other marine species in these landscapes of

fjords and ice fields. One thing is sure; here are the most beautiful Alaskan waters.



ELFIN COVE, ALASKA

Peaceful Elfin Cove shelters a fishing community that's only linked to the rest of the world by the sea. There is just a dozen wooden houses, a long wooden pontoon and a tiny port surrounded by crystalline waters... It doesn't get any quainter than this. Choose from a network of hiking paths that weave through a pristine forest, to lead you to secret beaches where silence reigns.

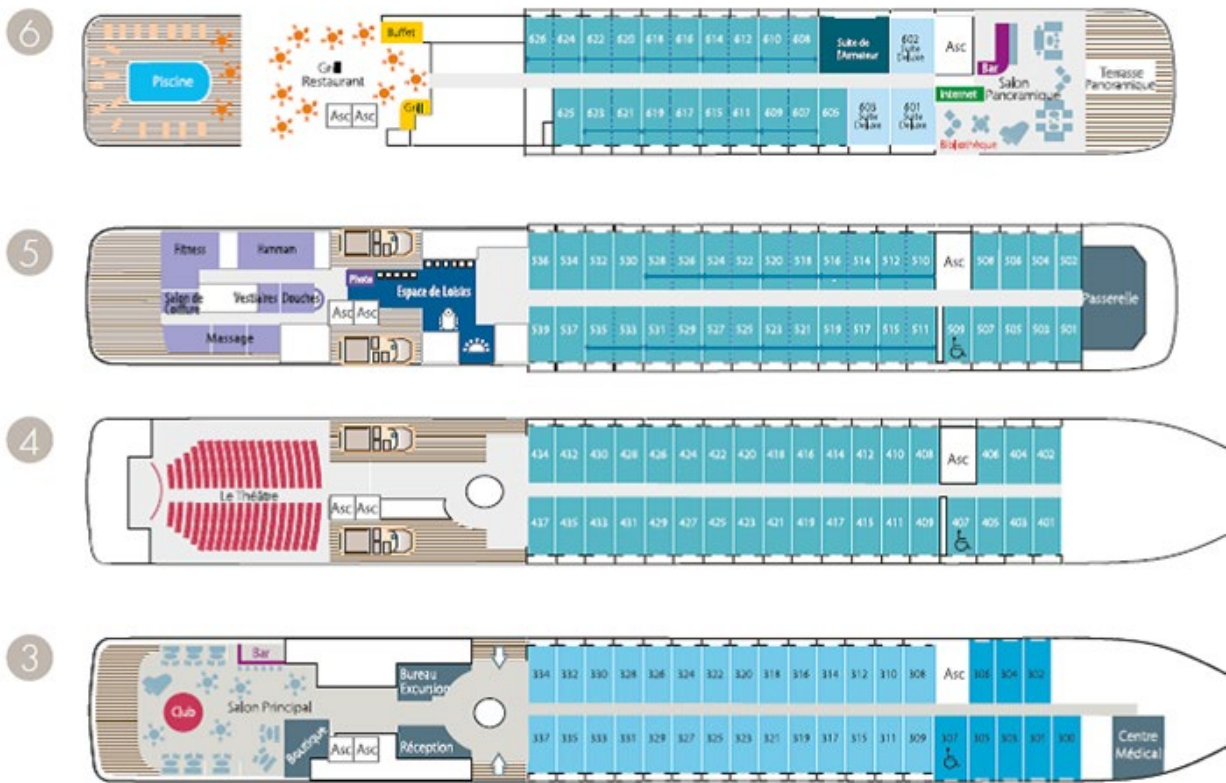
Day 8 - SITKA, AK

Former Russian colony and capitol of Russian America, which stretched as far south as central California, Sitka is brimming with history. The historical national park of Sitka shelters totems carved out of red cedar. These totems are testimonials of the former presence of Tlingit Indians. This place is full of natural wonders too.





LE SOLEAL - GUESTS: 268



RATES – 2024

(Rates subject to change without notice – Book early for best rates.)

All inclusive – Gratuities to crew; all beverages – open bar; Port Charges; Room Service; WiFi; flight from Sitka to Seattle.

SUITE –	2024
Superior – Deck 3	\$6,650
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$7,090
Prestige – Deck 4	\$7,710
Prestige – Deck 5	\$8,020
Prestige – Deck 6	\$8,380
Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	\$11,120
Prestige Suite – Dk 5	\$14,530
Prestige Suite – Dk 6	\$15,210
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