

ALASKA'S Glacier Country



A sharp crack sounded – then, as if Mother Nature had timed it so on purpose, a section of glacier sheared off from its face. Cheers from on board echoed the thunder of ice tumbling into the water. This was the most astounding geology “lesson” anyone in our group had ever experienced — and in the most enthralling classroom we ever set foot in — Glacier Bay.



DATES – EVERY FRIDAY

2024 – May 24-Aug 30

2025 - May 23-Aug 29

DURATION – 8 days/7 nights

EMBARKATION – Juneau, AK

DISEMBARKATION – Juneau, AK

SHIPS - M/V Safari Quest

From - \$6,100

(Plus Port Charges \$375)

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Glacier Bay National Park— UNESCO World Heritage Site
- View glaciers—Dawes and Grand Pacific, Margerie or Johns Hopkins
- Park ranger joins you on board in Glacier Bay
- Whale watching in Icy Strait
- Forest hike at Glacier Bay National Park headquarters in Bartlett Cove
- Unmatched birding and wildlife viewing
- Kayak, paddle board, and skiff exploration in Port Houghton and Chatham Strait
- Intertidal shore walks and hikes at Port Houghton and Thomas Bay

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – Juneau

In Juneau your captain and crew welcome you aboard. Set sail, bound for Icy Strait! (D)



DAY 2 - Icy Strait

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 the guides for a closer exploration of 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. (BLD)

DAY 3 – Glacier Bay National Park

You're in for a real treat. A National Park ranger comes aboard to share expert insight. Have your binoculars handy—South Marble Island is a birder's slice of heaven. Puffins scoot through the water. Guillemots and gulls chatter up the airwaves. The snoozing sea lions don't seem to mind. More thrills and chills await as you cruise to the far end of John Hopkins Inlet or Tarr Inlet where glaciers calve into the water. Backed by knife-edged peaks, bears forage along the shoreline of Tidal Inlet. Mountain goats too. Back at Bartlett Cove, if time and daylight allow, take a forest hike around the park's HQ, and say farewell to your ranger. (BLD)



DAY 4 - Admiralty Island National Monument At Admiralty Island National Monument kayak, skiff, and weave in and out of the bays and islets keeping your eyes out for Alaska brown bears and nesting bald eagles. Tlingit call the island Kootznoowoo, meaning "Fortress of the Bear", and Admiralty Island has a higher density of bald eagles than all the other states combined. After another big day, pop up to the bridge to look over charts with your captain and mates. (BLD)

DAY 5 - Frederick Sound

You'll enjoy humpback whales and pods who feed here seasonally on krill, zooplankton, and herring. Watch for whales feasting in these abundant glacial waters. Hang out and enjoy the show. Based on wind and weather, your expedition team has the lineup of adventures all mapped out. Cruise past Five Fingers Lighthouse, Alaska's oldest light station, and The Brothers Islands, where sea lions nap on rocky nobs. Somewhere nearby, carrot-billed black oystercatchers are saying hello. Tonight, toast another big day in Alaska. (BLD)



DAY 6 - Windham Bay & Stephens Passage

Humpback and orca are frequent visitors of this Southeast passage. A misty spout is a sure sign they're in the neighborhood. Your captain navigates Wyndham Bay and Stephens Passage. And you're in for a boot-sucking, paddle-smacking day of adventure with your guide team. The routes are all picked out. Make your choice and make your move. Slip off the kayak



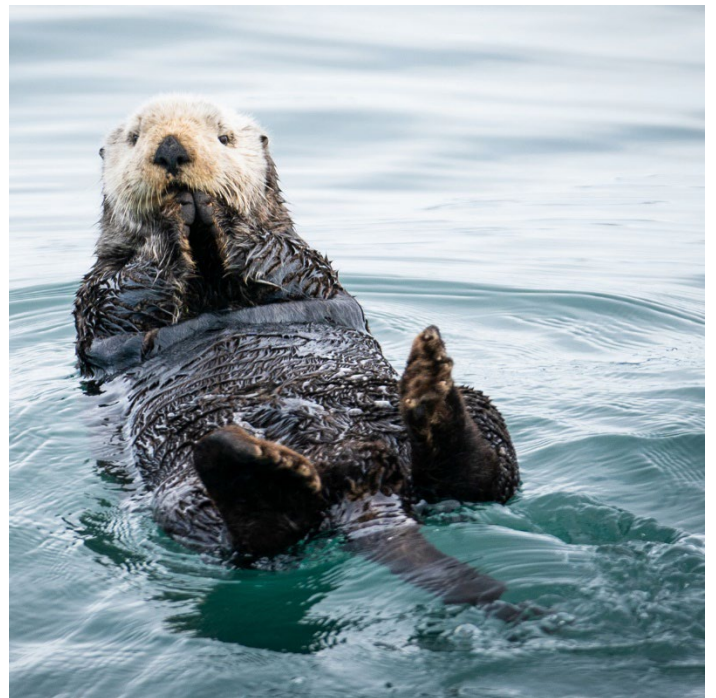
launch and take it slow spotting sea stars and shore birds. Hard chargers take a long wild paddle to the salt chuck at the back of the inlet. Or, hike into the Tongass. It's a landscape of hanging waterfalls and shades of green. (BLD)

DAY 7 - Endicott Arm / Dawes Glacier

Skiffing up Endicott Arm, harbor seals laze around on icebergs. If the tides are right, slip into Fords Terror, the steep walls of this narrow opening streaked with waterfalls. Back in the Arm, gasp at the deep glacier-carved valleys. It's at the end where you meet the piece de resistance: Dawes Glacier. Blue ice marches down from the Coast Mountains. With a sharp crack, the white thunder of a calving slice makes a mega-splash. Tonight, celebrate with a festive Farewell Dinner and "photo journal" from your expedition team. (BLD)

DAY 8 - Juneau

Enjoy one last breakfast before transferring to the Juneau airport or your extended stay. (B)





SAFARI QUEST 2024-25 RATES				
2024	NAVIGATOR	PATHFINDER	ADMIRAL	SINGLE
MAY 24	\$6,100	\$7,500	\$8,300	\$9,200
MAY 31; AUG 30	\$7,600	\$9,300	\$10,300	\$11,400
JUN 07-AUG 23	\$8,900	\$10,900	\$12,100	\$13,400
2025	NAVIGATOR	PATHFINDER	ADMIRAL	SINGLE
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MAY 30; AUG 29	\$7,600	\$9,300	\$10,300	\$11,400
JUN 06 - AUG 22	\$8,900	\$10,900	\$12,100	\$13,400

RATES INCLUDE: All onboard meals; premium spirits, wine, microbrews; non-alcoholic beverages; exclusive transfers and baggage handling between airport/vessel on embark/disembark days; entry fees to national parks/preserves; all from-the-boat adventure activities and equipment; wellness program: hot tub, fitness equipment, yoga mats.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: Port charges of \$375 per person; Visa and passport fees (if applicable); Airfare; Luggage, trip cancellation and Emergency Evacuation Insurance; Personal expenses such as laundry and telecommunication charges; Staff gratuities; fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings; Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.



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