# ALASKA NORTHERN PASSAGES



Skiff, kayak, and paddle board through fjords and inlets as wildlife greets you from land and sea. See the Tongass National Forest and Glacier Bay National Park as Alaskans do, by hike and "bushwhack".



**DATES –SATURDAYS 2024 –** Apr 27 - Sep 21 **2025 –** Apr 26 – Sep 20

**EMBARKATION** – Juneau, AK **DISEMBARKATION** – Sitka, AK Or Reverse Itinerary

DURATION - 8 days/7 Nights

SHIP – Safari Endeavour (SEN)

**FROM** - \$4,900 (Plus Port Charges \$375)

## **INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:**

- View Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers
- A park ranger joins you on board for a day in Glacier Bay National Park
- Whale watching in Icy Strait and Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait
- Wildlife searches—bears, sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions, and Dall's porpoises
- South Marble Island—a bird and sea lion haulout
- Beachcomb along intertidal zones
- Hike and bushwhack in the Tongass National Forest
- Kayak, paddle board, and skiff in glacial fjords

# **ITINERARY:**

#### DAY 1 – JUNEAU, ALASKA – Embarkation

Arriving in Juneau, you will be transferred from the airport to our hospitality area. Upon boarding, your crew greets you with champagne and smiles. Set sail for a week of scenic channels and secluded wilderness. (D)



#### DAY 2 – Captain's Choice

Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait, your captain makes the call. Either choice, go with the flow. The water is fine. The guides help you gear up, and lead your adventure along the rocky outcroppings. By kayak or paddle board, take in the size of this wilderness. Bald eagles dot the treetops. Harbor seals bob up and under. Pods of orcas—the largest in the dolphin family—skim along the water's surface. (BLD)



#### DAY 3 – Glacier Bay National Park

What a privilege. At 3.3 million acres—this UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve is massive. At Bartlett Cove, a park ranger joins in on your day's exploration and shares the park's history. Orange-beaked puffins, guillemots, marbled murrelets are just a few possible sightings. Keep a tally-the list will grow. Arriving at South Marble Island, you can hear and smell 'em before you see 'em-it's a haul-out for sea lions. Perched above around the bend, watch for mountain goats, and lower along shore, foraging bears. Up bay, glacial silt turns the water a milky white. Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers—one holding steady, the other retreating. Lounging harbor seals laze on bits of bergs. And if time allows, tuck up in Tidal Inlet. End this very full day with your feet up for the sail into Icy Strait. (BLD)

#### DAY 4 – Icy Strait

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 5 – Chichagof Island / Peril Strait

Kick off the morn with on-deck yoga stretches (your guides love it when you join them). Meander through glacier-carved fjords along the Chichagof coast. Then stop. It's a prime time to lower the kayaks and skiffs. Camera in hand, set off on land and sea explorations. Closer inspection by skiff, moss-dripping trees run right down to the water. Any bears in there? With one of the world's largest populations of bears, it's possible. Go searching for giant trees and tidal pools. Hiking in the Tongass, it won't take long to find them. Your eagleeyed guides lead the pack—and pull up the rear. Later, wend along a twisting channel known for dramatic currents. Peril Strait runs 50 miles to Salisbury Sound. (BLD)



## DAY 6 - Baranof Island / Peril Strait

Wind along a twisting channel known for dramatic currents. Peril Strait runs 50 miles to Salisbury Sound. The shorelines are close and it's good territory for play. Skiff ashore and hike into the backcountry. Otters back float working to crack snacks resting on their bellies. Opening at Hoonah Sound, the squeeze is back on. Wind into Neva Strait. Watch the scenery change in the late fading light from the hot tub of course. (BLD)



#### DAY 7 – Krestof & Nakwasina Sounds

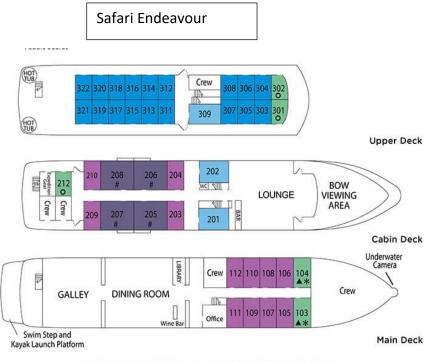
There aren't many straight lines along Baranof Island. Its western side is spattered with remote, uninhabited islands. These features mean endless opportunities for adventure. Secluded coves. Treecovered islets. Drop anchor, pick your modus operandi, and get going. Kayak, paddle board, or skiff—you're on the level with curious sea lions and possibly whales. Rocky intertidal zones make good beach combing. Turn a stone or two to see what's underneath. There are no groomed trails here—get out on a guided hike John Muir would approve of. Toast your voyage with a festive Farewell Dinner and a "photo journal" of your trip. A gift to you, from your expedition team. (BLD)

#### DAY 8 - Sitka, Alaska – Disembarkation

Cruise into Sitka this morning over breakfast. Farewell new friends! Disembark and transfer to the airport, hotel or see more of Alaska with a land tour we can arrange for you. (B)



2024-25 SAFARI ENDEAVOUR RATES						
DATES-2024	NAVIGATOR	TRAILBLAZER	PATHFINDER	ADMIRALL	COMMODORE	SINGLE NAV
Apr 27	\$4,900	\$5,400	\$5,800	\$6,300	\$8,900	\$9,500
May 4; Sep 14, 21	\$5,600	\$6,100	\$6,600	\$7,200	\$10,200	\$10,700
May 11, 18; Sep 7	\$6,100	\$6,700	\$7,200	\$7,900	\$11,100	\$11,800
May 25, Jun 1	\$6,600	\$7,200	\$7,800	\$8,500	\$12,000	\$12,600
Jun 8 – Aug 24	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$8,300	\$9,100	\$12,900	\$13,500
2025 SAFARI ENDEAVOUR RATES						
DATES - 2025	NAVIGATOR	TRAILBLAZER	PATHFINDER	ADMIRAL	COMMODORE	SINGLE NAV
Apr 26	\$4,900	\$5,400	\$5,800	\$6,300	\$8,900	\$9,500
May 3; Sep 13, 20	\$5,600	\$6,100	\$6,600	\$7,200	\$10,200	\$10,700
May 10, 17; Sep 6	\$6,100	\$6,700	\$7,200	\$7,900	\$11,100	\$11,800
May 24, 31; Aug 30	\$6,600	\$7,200	\$7,800	\$8,500	\$12,000	\$12,600
Jun 7 – Aug 23	\$7,000	\$7,700	\$8,300	\$9,100	\$12,900	\$13,500



\* Single or Double Accommodation ▲ Fixed Queen Bed O Fixed Twin Beds # Double or Triple Accommodation **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 tele-communication charges; Staff gratuities; fuel surcharge may be applied for all bookings; Pre- or post-cruise travel expenses.



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