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Expedition Guide & Voyage Planner

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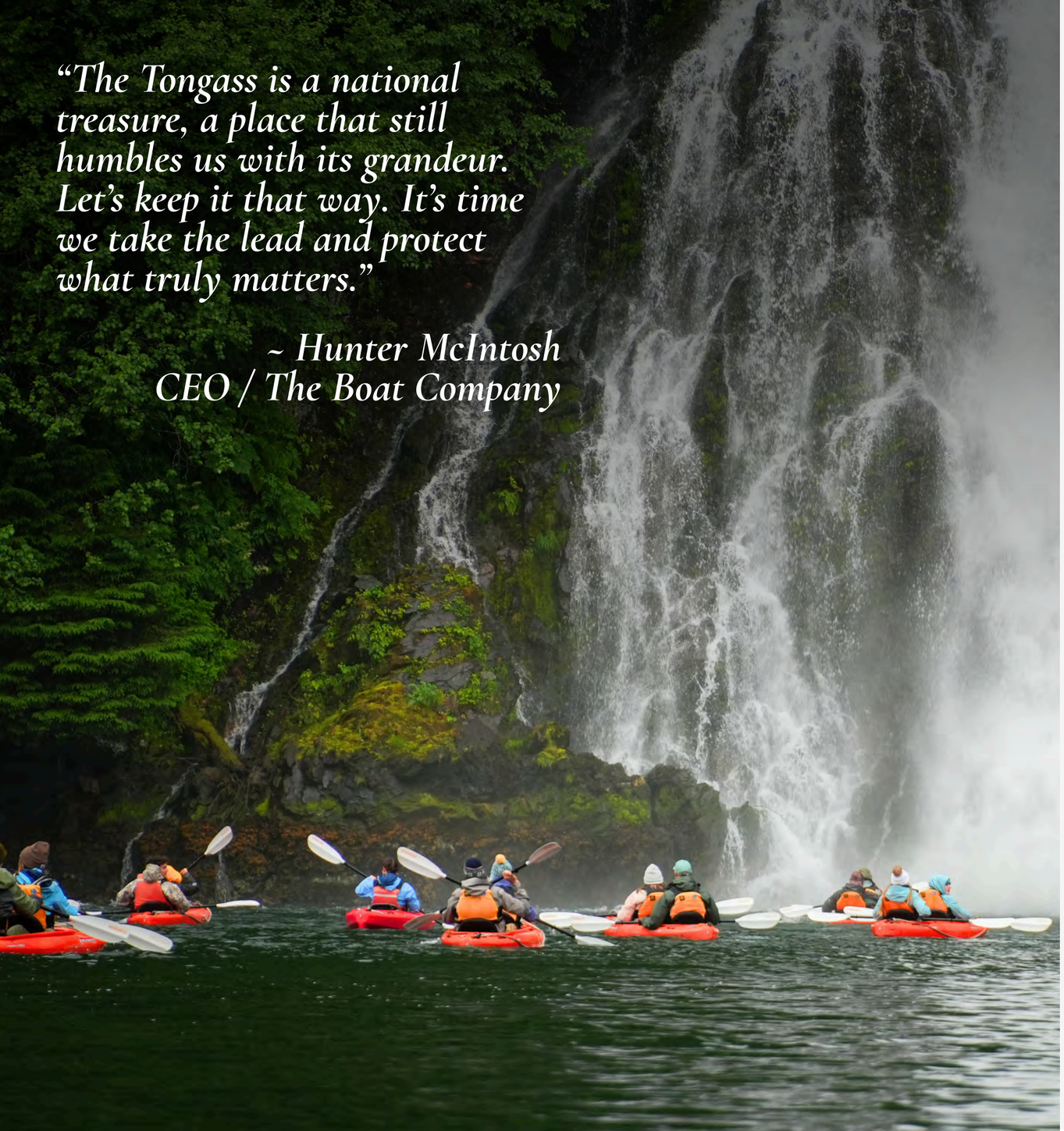

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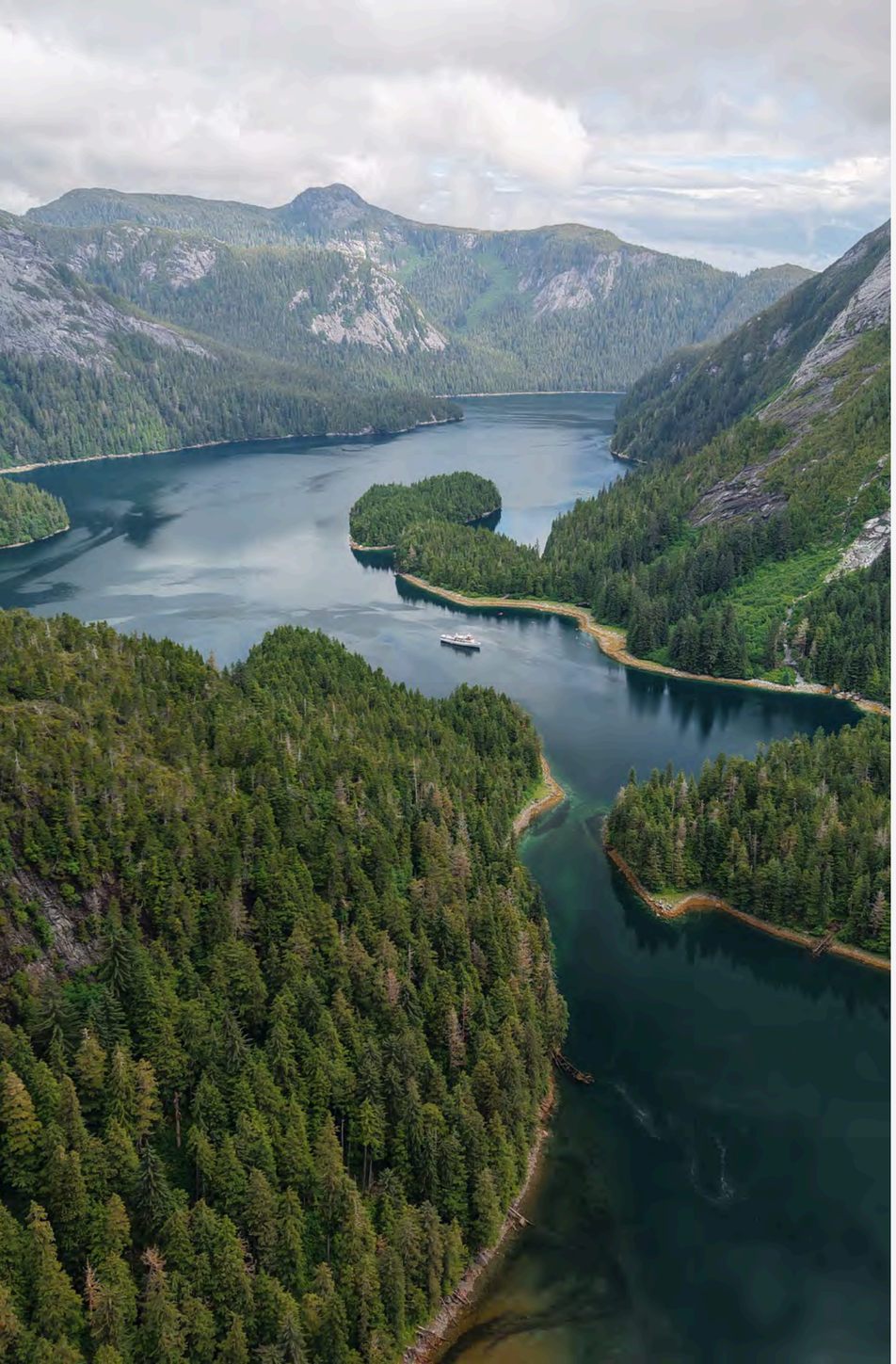
AN ENDURING PURPOSE

For more than four decades, The Boat Company has believed that people who experience extraordinary places are more likely to value and protect them. Each voyage throughout Southeast Alaska is designed to foster a deeper connection to the landscapes, wildlife, and waterways of the Tongass National Forest.

Founded in 1979 by Michael McIntosh Sr. through the McIntosh Foundation, The Boat Company was created with a mission unlike any other cruise operator: to use expedition travel as a force for conservation. Today, that mission continues through small-ship exploration, environmental stewardship, and support for the long-term protection of Southeast Alaska.

Our voyages explore the heart of the Tongass National Forest, the largest national forest in the United States and the world's largest coastal temperate rainforest. Through guest experiences, conservation partnerships, and on-the-ground advocacy, The Boat Company continues to invest in protecting the places we are privileged to explore.





THE BOAT COMPANY DIFFERENCE

The difference isn't the ship. It's the experience. Small groups, flexible itineraries, and unparalleled access create a deeper connection to Southeast Alaska.

The Boat Company	Typical Expedition Cruises
✓ *Only 20-24 Guests Onboard*	50-100 Passengers
✓ *Remote Wilderness Anchorages*	Select Wilderness Access
✓ *Multiple Immersive Wilderness Activities*	Daily Exploration Activities
✓ *Expert Guided Daily Fishing Opportunities*	Limited Fishing Opportunities
✓ *Exploration Shaped By Our Guests*	Structured Itineraries

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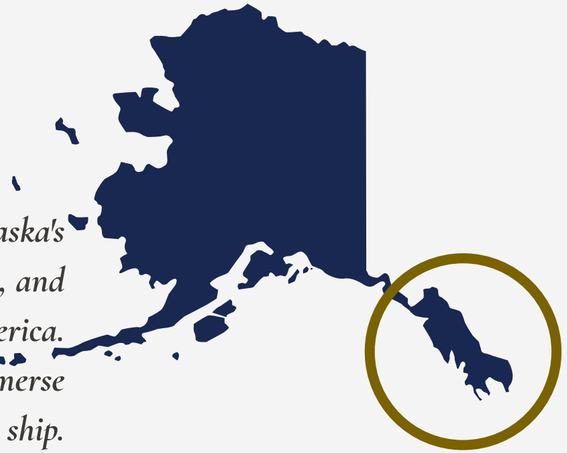
WHERE WE CRUISE



Stretching between Sitka and Juneau, Southeast Alaska's Inside Passage is a maze of islands, channels, fjords, and remote waterways found nowhere else in North America. Whether traveling north or south, our voyages immerse you in an extraordinary region best explored by small ship.

Navigate a maze of protected waterways, forested islands, and remote wilderness anchorages.

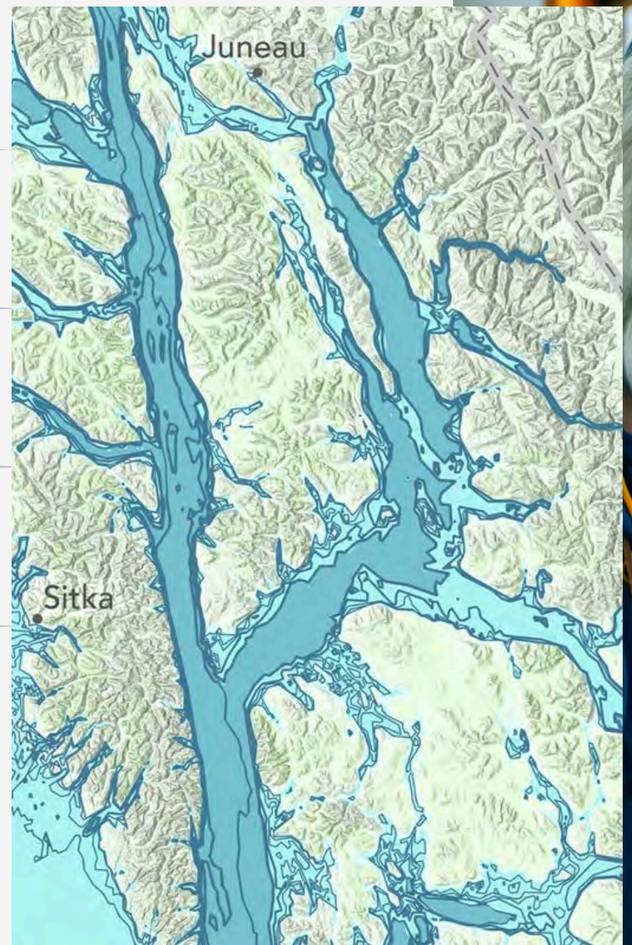
Explore one of North America's richest marine ecosystems, where nutrient-rich waters sustain an abundance of life.

Encounter humpback whales, coastal brown bears, bald eagles, sea otters, and other iconic Alaska wildlife.

Discover glacier-carved fjords, towering peaks, and the world's largest coastal temperate rainforest.

Venture beyond traditional cruise routes to secluded coves, hidden beaches, and ancient forest.

Each day we explore the best of Southeast Alaska based on the tides, weather, and preferences of our guests.



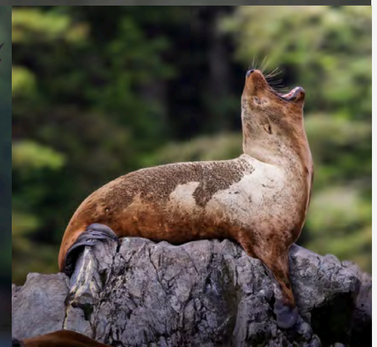












WILDLIFE OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA

The islands, waterways, and old-growth forests of Southeast Alaska support one of North America's richest ecosystems. From humpback whales and coastal brown bears to bald eagles, harbor seals, and countless marine species, wildlife encounters are woven throughout every expedition.

MARINE LIFE

Humpback whales, orcas, harbor seals, Steller sea lions, sea otters, porpoises, and other marine species thrive in the nutrient-rich waters of the Inside Passage.

COASTAL WILDLIFE

Remote mountain ranges and salmon-bearing coastlines provide habitat for brown bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, river otters, mink, goats, intertidal marine life, and other mammals.

BIRDS OF THE TONGASS

Bald eagles, arctic terns, ravens, shorebirds, and seabirds find abundant habitat throughout the islands and forests of Southeast Alaska.

While wildlife sightings can never be guaranteed, our small ships and flexible itineraries allow us to take full advantage of unexpected opportunities as they arise, often bringing guests closer to the remarkable wildlife of Southeast Alaska.

A SAMPLE WEEK ABOARD

This itinerary represents a week aboard cruising between Sitka and Juneau. While routes and destinations may vary, every expedition is built around the same core experiences: remote wilderness access, immersive wildlife encounters, guided exploration, and meaningful connection to Southeast Alaska.

PRE- EMBARKATION • SITKA
Complimentary Hotel Stay
Begin your adventure with a relaxing overnight stay in historic Sitka before boarding your vessel the following day.

DAY 1 • EMBARKATION
Welcome Aboard!
Meet your captain & crew, settle into your stateroom, and cruise into the heart of the Tongass National Forest.

DAY 2 • SOUTH CHICHAGOF ISLAND
Ancient Rainforest Exploration
Old-growth rainforest hikes, salmon streams, and opportunities for fishing and exploration.

DAY 3 • EAST BARANOF ISLAND
Waterfalls & Coastal Expeditions
Dramatic waterfalls, hidden coves, and remote anchorages.
Skiff excursions, fishing, kayaking, and hiking.

DAY 4 • NORTH KUIU ISLAND
Wildlife & Island Adventures
Saltwater fishing, hiking, and island exploration by kayak or skiff.

DAY 5 • SOUTH ADMIRALTY ISLAND
Wild Alaska
Wildlife-rich waterways, forested islands, hiking, and saltwater fishing.

DAY 6 • GLACIER EXPEDITION
Endicott or Tracy Arm
Navigate through the glacially-carved fjords and explore a tidewater glacier by skiff. Hot chocolate and cookies included.

DISEMBARKATION • JUNEAU
Enjoy a final breakfast aboard before arriving in Alaska's capital city.





Total Cabins: 10 **Length: 145 ft.** **Width: 28 ft.** **Guest Capacity: 20**







M/V LISERON

Named for the French word meaning "morning glory," M/V Liseron brings a rich maritime history to the waters of Southeast Alaska. Originally serving with the French Navy before being converted for expedition travel, she now offers just 20 guests a comfortable and immersive way to explore the remote wilderness of the Tongass National Forest.

SHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- *Accommodates just 20 guests*
- *Spacious salon with TV, movies, books, and games*
- *Open wheelhouse for time with the Captain*
- *Eisenglass-enclosed heated fantail dining*
- *Observation lounge with panoramic views*
- *Complimentary open bar featuring beer, wine, and spirits*
- *Dedicated drying locker for outdoor gear*

STATEROOM FEATURES

- *10 guest staterooms (6 Main Deck & 4 Skiff Deck)*
- *Private ensuite bathrooms*
- *Individual heating controls*
- *Ample wardrobe and storage space*
- *Large picture-frame windows with blackout shades*
- *Direct perimeter deck access*
- *Solid and screen doors for fresh air and views of the surrounding wilderness*

M/V MIST COVE

Purpose-built for expedition cruising in Southeast Alaska, M/V Mist Cove was designed to connect guests with the wildlife, wilderness, and waterways of the Tongass National Forest. Carrying just 24 guests, she combines comfortable accommodations, inviting shared spaces, and exceptional access to the remote places that define Southeast Alaska.



Total Cabins: 12 **Length: 157 ft.** **Width: 33 ft.** **Guest Capacity: 24**

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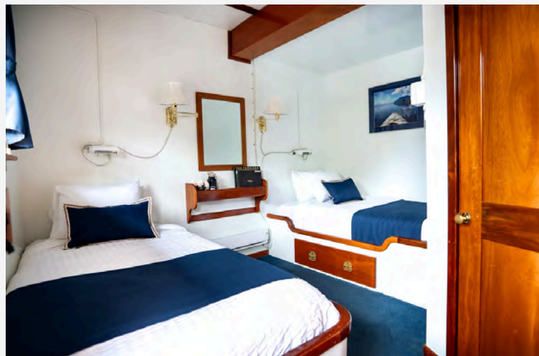
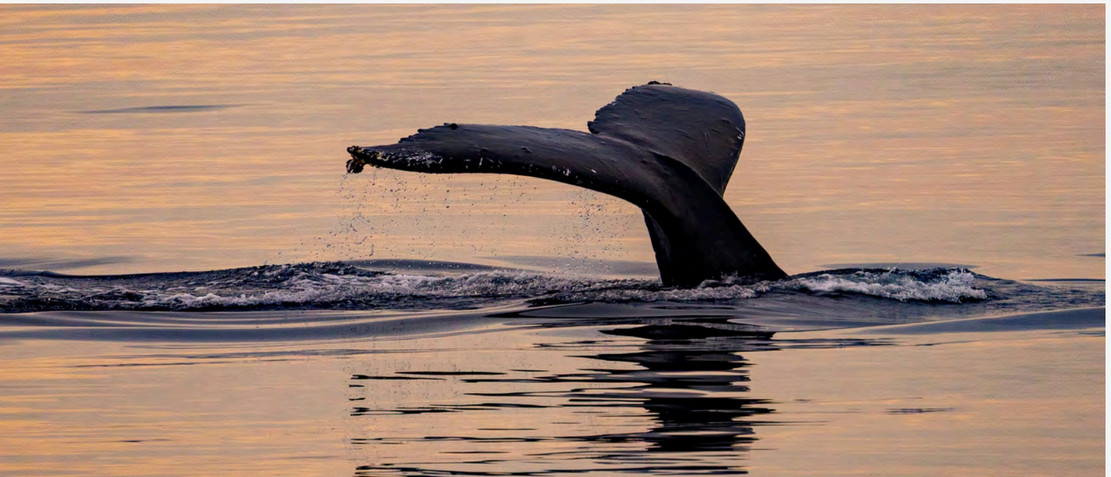








THE EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

While no two trips are ever the same; each day has a flexible rhythm. Our crew will ensure each day is full of immersion, adventure, discovery, and new experiences in the heart of the "last frontier".

DAWN

Arise to the smell of fresh coffee or tea, a hearty breakfast and a day full of surprise, adventure, and activities.

EXPLORE

Each day provides a new opportunity for exploration. You may choose a nature tour on our aluminum skiffs, fish alongside our expert guides, kayak calm coves, or hike under an ancient canopy of old-growth forest.

RECHARGE

After a morning of exploration, we return to the "Big Boat" for a chef-prepared lunch amongst the beautiful scenery as we cruise towards our next destination.

DISCOVER

The afternoon offers more opportunities for adventure! You can choose from stream or salt fishing for prized salmon and halibut, hike a lush rainforest, kayak alongside waterfalls, or simply enjoy the beautiful views.

CONNECT

After a day full of wildlife and adventure, the evening is for connection. Enjoy an educational presentation from our naturalist alongside freshly prepared hors d'oeuvres followed by an elegant multi-course dinner.

TWILIGHT

Our evening anchorage nestled among the peaceful landscape is yours to enjoy. Read a book in the salon with our open bar, play a game with your friends, watch a movie, or tuck in for the night to prepare for the day ahead.

SKIFF & SHORE

Small ships create extraordinary opportunities for exploration. Whether by skiff, kayak, or on foot, guests experience Southeast Alaska up close through daily activities designed to bring them closer to the wildlife, landscapes, and waterways of the Tongass National Forest.

SKIFF EXPLORATION

Our aluminum skiffs provide exceptional access to secluded coves, hidden beaches, wildlife habitats, and remote waterways that larger vessels simply cannot reach. They also serve as the gateway to many of the fishing, wildlife viewing, and shoreline adventures that define the expedition.

EXPLORATION ASHORE

Step ashore to explore old-growth rainforest, remote beaches, salmon streams, and the diverse ecosystems that make Southeast Alaska one of North America's last great wild places. Our Naturalists love to educate and explore for a deeper understanding of Southeast Alaska.

KAYAK EXCURSIONS

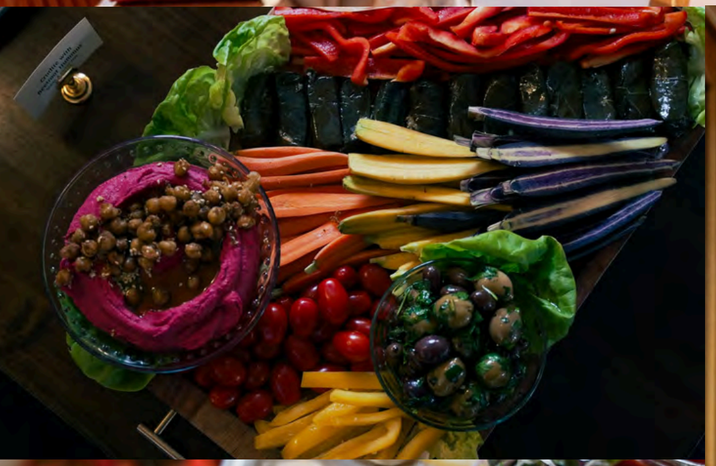
Kayaking offers a quiet, immersive way to experience Southeast Alaska from water level. Explore protected bays, roaring waterfalls, and water-level wildlife while surrounded by some of the most spectacular wilderness in North America. No experience needed, our guides will ensure for a safe and memorable adventure.















DINING WHILE ABOARD

Great food is even better when paired with wild places. From fresh Alaska seafood to shared meals among new friends, dining aboard is an integral part of the expedition experience.

THOUGHTFULLY PREPARED

From early breakfasts before a day of exploration to multi-course dinners enjoyed while anchored in remote wilderness bays, meals aboard are designed around the rhythm of the expedition. Menus feature fresh ingredients, seasonal specialties, and thoughtful accommodations for dietary needs and preferences.

GATHER & CONNECT

Meals aboard are about more than great food. They are an opportunity to gather with fellow travelers to share stories, discuss wildlife sightings, and reflect on the day's discoveries. Conversations continue through cocktail hour, where complimentary beer, wine, and cocktails help bring guests together after a day of exploration. Many guests find these shared moments become some of their favorite memories of the voyage.

A FRESH TASTE OF ALASKA

Wild Alaska seafood frequently takes center stage, with menus showcasing regional favorites such as salmon, halibut, wild Alaskan spot prawns, dungeness crab, and other seasonal offerings when available. Meals celebrate the waters and landscapes explored throughout the voyage, providing a genuine taste of Southeast Alaska.

THE ANGLER'S CALENDAR

EARLY SEASON: May - June

Stream Awakening & Coastal Saltwater

Whether by stream or skiff this season features incredible opportunities for Alaskan fishing at it's finest. Guests may target Dolly Varden, Steelhead Trout, Coastal Cutthroat Trout, Halibut, and Rockfish all alongside our expert guides.

MID SEASON: June - July

The Early Salmon Run Begins

As Alaska's legendary salmon season gets underway, opportunities arise for King Salmon, early Coho, Halibut, Rockfish, and others. Most seasons open for King Salmon in mid-June but dates may vary.

LATE SEASON: August - September

The Rivers & Tidal Estuaries Come Alive

As salmon return to their natal streams, late summer offers exciting opportunities in both freshwater and saltwater environments. You can target Coho Salmon, Pink Salmon, Dolly Varden, Rockfish, King Salmon, Halibut, and Lingcod during this exciting time.

WATER TO TABLE: A FRESH CATCH

From hook to home, our crew handles the details. Our crew cleans, fillets, vacuum seals, freezes, and packages your catch for travel. Select species may also be prepared by our chefs and served during dinner service or as freshly prepared hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour.

Regulations subject to change per local emergency closure announcements and population counts





WEATHER & CLIMATE

Southeast Alaska is home to the world's largest temperate rainforest, where weather changes quickly and often. Sunshine, mist, rain, and low clouds move through the islands throughout the day, creating the dramatic scenery that defines the region.

EARLY SUMMER
May - June
LOW 3°C / 38°F
HIGH 18°C / 64°F

MID SUMMER
July
LOW 11°C / 52°F
HIGH 17°C / 63°F

LATE SUMMER
August - September
LOW 10°C / 50°F
HIGH 12°C / 55°F

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Cool & Refreshing	Long Days	Summer Peak	Salmon Runs	Fall Transition
• *Snow-capped peaks* • *Emerging wildlife*	• *Mild weather* • *Peak exploration*	• *Warmest temperatures* • *Extended daylight*	• *Active wildlife* • *Prime fishing*	• *Crisp Air* • *Fall Colors*

The key to comfort is simple: dress in layers and embrace the adventure. Some of the most memorable wildlife encounters occur on misty mornings or during light rain.

PACKING GUIDE

There is no such thing as bad weather in Southeast Alaska, only bad gear. Dressing in layers and bringing quality rain gear will help ensure a comfortable and enjoyable voyage.

THE ESSENTIALS

- *Waterproof rain jacket with hood*
- *Waterproof rain pants*
- *Knee-high rubber boots*
- *Warm jacket or insulated layer*
- *Wool socks, hat, and gloves*

Quality rain gear is the single most important item you'll bring to Southeast Alaska.

COMFORT & EXPLORATION

- *Lightweight fleece or mid-layer*
- *T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts*
- *Quick-drying hiking pants*
- *Swinsuit for a polar plunge*
- *Polarized sunglasses*
- *Small waterproof backpack*
- *Hiking boots (optional for select activities)*

Comfortable, casual clothing is appropriate throughout the voyage. No formal attire is required.

PERSONAL ITEMS

- *Camera and extra batteries*
- *Chargers and memory cards*
- *Personal toiletries*
- *Medications*

Binoculars are provided in every stateroom, and refrigeration is available for medications upon request.





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Who are my fellow guests?

Guests come from a wide range of backgrounds, but many share a passion for travel, wildlife, fishing, conservation, photography, and the outdoors. The small-group setting naturally encourages conversation and connection.

Do I need experience?

No. Activities are suitable for a wide variety of activity levels and experience.

Can special diets be accommodated?

Yes. Our culinary team can accommodate most dietary needs and preferences when notified in advance.

Do I have to participate in activities?

Not at all. You can choose your own adventure, or simply sit back and relax.

Do you have internet available?

Limited internet access may be available in select locations.

Should I be worried about seasickness?

Most voyages take place within the protected waters of the Inside Passage, which are generally calm and sheltered. Guests prone to motion sickness may wish to bring preventative medication.

Is fishing included?

We provide your fishing license, the gear, and expert guidance for a fun day on the water. We fish the streams and deep-water channels for a variety of fish and will even prepare and package your fish for transport home.

LET'S TALK ALASKA

Your Southeast Alaska adventure begins with a conversation. Whether you're comparing departure dates, selecting the vessel that's right for you, or imagining your first week aboard, we'd be honored to help plan each step of the way.

Remote Wilderness

Extrodinary Wildlife

Meaningful Exploration

Adventure, conservation, and wilderness have guided every voyage since 1979.

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