



# 2020 TOUR INFORMATION





# WHALE WATCHING & WILDLIFE QUEST

Embark on a scenic cruise into the Alaskan wilderness that guarantees you will see whales! Travel by high-speed expedition vessel served by a knowledgeable naturalist and attentive crew. This is a great opportunity to view and learn about whales, sea lions, porpoises, seals, bald eagles, and other species of wildlife.





### TOUR DETAILS

**Duration:** 4 hours approximate  
• Bus transfer • 3 hour cruise

**Provided:** Binoculars • Souvenir map  
• Snacks, coffee, tea, cocoa

*Beer, wine, additional snacks, and Alaskan-made retail products are available for purchase. U.S. dollars and credit cards accepted.*

### ACCESSIBILITY - LEVEL 1

-  This tour is wheelchair accessible. Combined weight of guest and mobility device cannot exceed 600 pounds.
-  Mobility devices must have a maximum length of 48-inches, a maximum width of 32-inches, and minimum ground clearance of 3.5-inches.

### SPECIAL NOTES

Dress in warm layers and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the observation deck.

### FULL DESCRIPTION:

Following a short motorcoach ride to scenic Auke Bay, you'll board an Alaskan-built expedition vessel specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable, spacious main cabin, surrounded by large windows, as your experienced captain guides you through the island-studded waters of Stephens Passage.

Against a majestic backdrop of snow-capped peaks and glaciers, the onboard naturalist will explain the behavior and habitat of wildlife you may encounter, including humpback and killer whales, Steller sea lions, Dall's porpoises, harbor seals, bald eagles, bears, and deer.

To fully enjoy the sights and sounds of a close encounter with wildlife, be sure to bring a warm, rainproof jacket to wear on the topside observation deck and don't forget your camera! Tour-use binoculars and a souvenir route map are provided, along with complimentary snacks and beverages.



### MAIN SELLING POINTS:

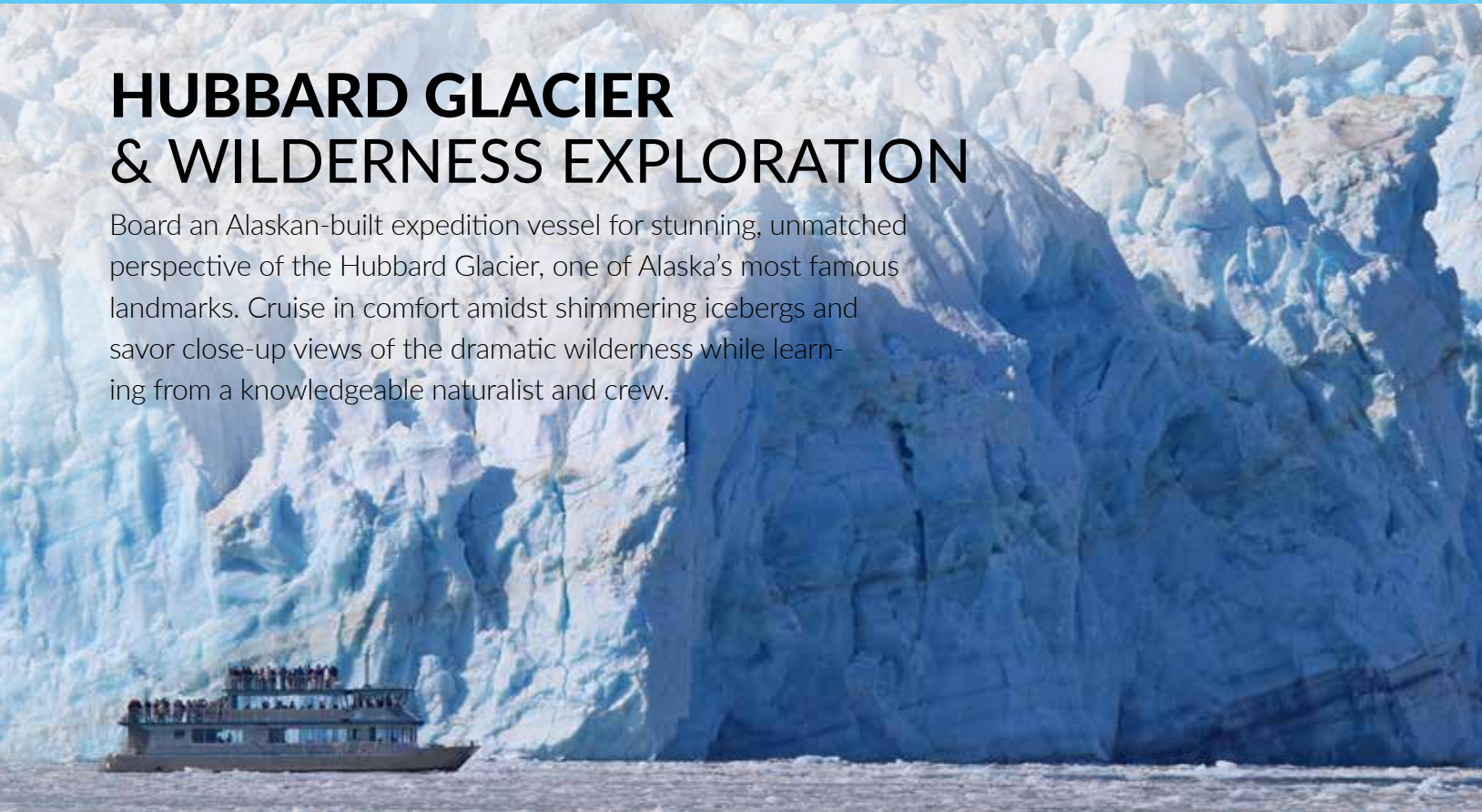
- Every voyage is unique, custom-designed by your experienced Alaskan captain and crew. You'll have the opportunity to view humpback whales, orca, sea lions, porpoises, seals, eagles, and more.
- Our whale-viewing success rate, exceptional crew performance, and superior vessel design has combined to make this tour a multi-year winner of the "Shore Excursion of the Year" in Juneau!
- This tour guarantees you'll see a whale. If not, you'll receive \$100 cash back.
- Alaskan-built, high-speed expedition vessel with: comfortable seating, wrap around windows, heated cabin, restroom, outside viewing deck, and galley.






# HUBBARD GLACIER & WILDERNESS EXPLORATION

Board an Alaskan-built expedition vessel for stunning, unmatched perspective of the Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska’s most famous landmarks. Cruise in comfort amidst shimmering icebergs and savor close-up views of the dramatic wilderness while learning from a knowledgeable naturalist and crew.



TOUR DETAILS

**Duration:** 2 hours (operates ship to ship)  
**Provided:** Binoculars • Hot beverages, including coffee, tea and cocoa • Light snacks, including pastries and smoked salmon samples  
*Beer, wine, additional snacks, and Alaskan-made retail products are available for purchase. U.S. dollars and credit cards accepted.*

**ACCESSIBILITY** - LEVEL 3  
 Participants must be able to negotiate transit of a narrow, moderately-steep gangway with only minor assistance to access the tour vessel. This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

**SPECIAL NOTES**  
Dress in warm layers.  
*This tour operates in a remote wilderness area, where weather and ice conditions can alter both the duration and route of the journey, including shipside embarkation/disembarkation areas. The cruise ship also stops in view of the Hubbard Glacier and will be in sight during the excursion.*

Tour Code **TBD**

FULL DESCRIPTION:

The adventure begins as soon as you board our Alaskan-built vessel directly from your ship. Relax in the warm, comfortable cabin, surrounded by large windows, as our knowledgeable crew and captain orient you to the tour area. The shallow-draft of the craft allows for travel near the rocky, dramatic shoreline, affording spectacular photo opportunities. In addition, the vessel’s singular maneuverability provides a chance to weave through a maze of beautiful icebergs. At times these icebergs can be multiple stories tall, making the perspective from our smaller vessel astounding.

The excursion provides significant time for up-close observation of the Hubbard Glacier. After your initial stop, the vessel will travel parallel to the face of the glacier, providing comprehensive viewing and a variety of angles for photos and video. Dramatic displays of calving can occur at any time as the Hubbard Glacier is advancing up to 7 feet a day, earning the nickname, “The Galloping Glacier.” The tour also presents opportunities for photography of your cruise ship against a remarkable backdrop—a postcard-worthy keepsake of a lifetime.

As you view the glacially-carved coastlines, expanses of spruce and hemlock trees, snowcapped mountains, and majestic glacier our knowledgeable onboard naturalist and crew will provide compelling narration. On a clear day you may even have the opportunity to view Mount St. Elias, the second tallest peak in the United States.

MAIN SELLING POINTS:

- Cruise in comfort as you explore the rugged wilderness of Disenchantment Bay. Enjoy a stunning, unmatched perspective of the Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska’s most famous landmarks.
- The maneuverability and draft of our vessel allows for travel in areas not accessible by larger ship, including near large icebergs and along shallow coastlines. The route provides the best opportunity for wildlife sightings.
- A knowledgeable naturalist and crew will provide compelling narration regarding the area, with personal access for questions and one-on-one conversations.
- Alaskan-built, high-speed expedition vessel with: comfortable seating, wrap around windows, heated cabin, restroom, outside viewing deck, and galley.





# SEA OTTER & WILDLIFE QUEST


Join an award-winning cruise that offers the opportunity to observe sea otters, whales, sea lions, porpoises, harbor seals, brown bears, deer, bald eagles, and more! The tour operator guarantees you will observe a sea otter, a whale or a bear. If not, you'll receive a \$100 cash back.



TOUR DETAILS

**Duration:** 3 hours approximate  
**Provided:** Binoculars • Souvenir map  
• Snacks, coffee, tea, cocoa  
*Beer, wine, additional snacks, and Alaskan-made retail products are available for purchase. U.S. dollars and credit cards accepted.*

ACCESSIBILITY - LEVEL 1

 Select departures can accommodate persons using a manual wheelchair. Combined weight of guest and wheelchair cannot exceed 300 pounds. Consult the shore excursion office before booking for details. The vessel is not accessible by electric scooter.

SPECIAL NOTES

Dress in warm layers and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the observation deck. You will have a generous amount of free time to explore beautiful Sitka on your own, before or after the tour.

FULL DESCRIPTION:

Enjoy the opportunity to observe sea otters, whales, sea lions, porpoises, harbor seals, brown bears, blacktail deer, bald eagles, and a variety of marine birds. An onboard naturalist will explain the workings of this remarkable ecosystem. You'll also learn about the sea otters' recovery, following their near-extinction at the hands of Russian fur hunters in the early 1800s.

Your Alaskan-built expedition vessel has been designed to navigate Southeast Alaska's narrow island passages, allowing for wildlife viewing at close range. The vessel features a warm cabin with enclosed seating, large windows and a topside observation deck for unparalleled photo opportunities and to fully experience your quest with all your senses.

You will have a generous amount of free time to explore beautiful Sitka on your own, before or after the cruise.



MAIN SELLING POINTS:

- Sitka Sound is home to the greatest variety of wildlife in Southeast Alaska – sea otters, whales, sea lions, porpoises, harbor seals, brown bears, puffins, bald eagles, and more!
- Multi-year winner of “Shore Excursion of the Year” in Sitka! (As awarded by cruiseship passengers participating in the C.R.U.I.S.E. program to recognize excellent performance.)
- This tour guarantees you'll see an otter, whale, or bear. If not, you'll receive \$100 cash back.
- Alaskan-built, high-speed expedition vessel with: comfortable seating, wrap around windows, heated cabin, restroom, outside viewing deck, and galley.





# MISTY FJORDS & WILDERNESS EXPLORER



Explore Misty Fjords, one of nature’s most spectacular creations, while cruising in luxury aboard one of the fastest sightseeing vessels in Alaska. You’ll stop to view an active bald eagle’s nest, a Tlingit pictograph, and New Eddystone Rock; an immense volcanic spire rising from the emerald sea. Delight in the unhurried exploration of Rudyerd Bay and learn the natural history of the fjords while gliding quietly near 3,000-foot vertical cliffs and glistening waterfalls.



TOUR DETAILS

**Duration:** 4.5 hours approximate  
**Provided:** Binoculars • Souvenir map  
• Hot chowder & vegetarian chili  
• Snacks, coffee, tea, cocoa  
*Beer, wine, additional snacks, and Alaskan-made retail products are available for purchase. U.S. dollars and credit cards accepted.*

ACCESSIBILITY - LEVEL 1

 This tour is accessible by standard-width manual wheelchair, but not  low-clearance electric scooters. Depending on location of cruise ship mooring in Ketchikan, participants may have to walk up to 300-yards and negotiate a tide-variable dock ramp to embark the expedition vessel.

SPECIAL NOTES

Bring a warm, rainproof jacket to wear on the topside observation deck, as this tour operates in all weather conditions. Wildlife sightings are frequent, but not guaranteed.

FULL DESCRIPTION:

The adventure begins as soon as you leave Ketchikan’s picturesque harbor, passing by colorful float planes and fishing boats. Enjoy the service and narrative provided by your crew, and watch for marine and coastal wildlife as you “fly” at sea level past the rugged coastlines bordering Revillagigedo Channel.

Voyage into Behm Canal, surrounded by the pristine beauty of Misty Fjords. Along the way you’ll stop to view an active bald eagle’s nest, a Tlingit pictograph, and New Eddystone Rock; an immense volcanic spire rising from the emerald sea. Delight in the unhurried exploration of Rudyerd Bay, an ice-carved masterpiece deep within the Monument. Here, you’ll learn the natural history of the fjords, listen to the call of nesting sea birds, and feel the mist of glistening waterfalls while gliding quietly beneath 3000-foot glacier-sculpted cliffs.

On the cruise back to Ketchikan, enjoy a selection of snacks and beverages while watching for whales, seals, eagles, and other wildlife. You will also have the opportunity to experience culture & history presented by a Native story-teller and artist, or enjoy a tour-related video presentation.



MAIN SELLING POINTS:

- The most luxurious way to experience Misty Fjords!
- Premiere destination for rugged exploration and dramatic landscapes. Surround yourself with 3,000-ft granite cliffs, glistening waterfalls, and wildlife habitats.
- Weather reliability! This tour is seldom affected by rain or low clouds. These common conditions actually enhance the beauty of Misty Fjords.
- Alaskan-built, high-speed expedition vessel with: comfortable seating, wrap around windows, heated cabin, restroom, outside viewing deck, and galley.

