

# Cruise Alaska's Glacier Country With Naturalist Journeys & Caligo Ventures



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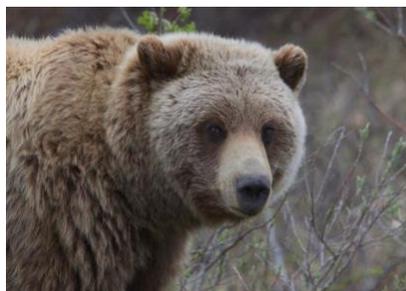
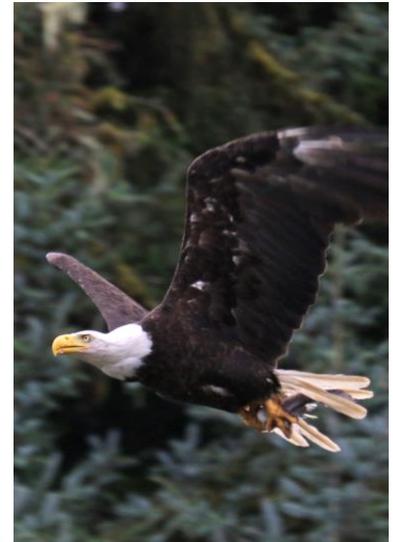
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## Tour Highlights

- ✓ Enjoy a peaceful stay aboard the *Safari Explorer*, replete with bar, hot tub, exercise room, and more
- ✓ Experience Alaska's rich abundance on long summer days, perfect for exploring
- ✓ Embark on a tour of Glacier Bay National Park, searching for local wildlife and learning about glacial history, and guided by a National Park ranger
- ✓ Skiff up Endicott Arm to Dawes Glacier; you will be in awe as you watch the ice calving into the water
- ✓ Spot Humpback, Orca, and Minke Whales on a whale watching cruise on Icy Strait ... marine mammals abound

## Tour Summary

8-Day / 7-Night Southeast Alaska Nature Cruise with Woody Wheeler  
 Starting at \$8095, from Juneau  
 Airport is Juneau International (JNU)



Enjoy a fabulous week cruising through Southeast Alaska, immersed in splendid scenery where wildlife abounds. We invite you to join guide Woody Wheeler as we take in this stunning Alaska cruise.

Indulge on the *Safari Explorer*, our comfortable and well-appointed ship. Built for just 36 passengers, this cruise ship offers an intimate exploration of one of America's most revered landscapes. Unpack once, then simply enjoy ample time to explore, kayak, watch birds, and spot whales. This is a stunning cruise that can be as active (or not!) as you like. You will not forget your time among the fjords and glaciers.

## Itinerary

### Fri., June 21

#### Arrivals in Juneau | Embarkation

Hello, Juneau! First settled in the days of the gold rush, Juneau, Alaska, welcomes you with both small town charm and towering glaciers. As we board the *Safari Explorer*, our home for the next week, we toast to the riches of Alaska and set sail west toward Icy Strait.

### Sat., June 22 Icy Strait

Welcome the morning with a hot cup of coffee as you take in the grand views from the deck. This morning you can opt to explore by kayak, gliding around in remote bays off of Icy Strait through giant bullwhip kelp that can grow to over 100 feet long. Or perhaps this morning you opt to take a skiff ride to a rocky



outcropping to watch Sea Lions play. Or, perhaps a forest hike is in store, accompanied by the ship's naturalists who are versed in everything Alaska — marine biology, plants, and even geology. Alaska is known for whale viewing, and Icy Strait is the best of the best! Enjoy magnificent scenery as we watch for pods of Humpbacks that have swum back from Hawaii (and farther!) to feed in these nutrient-rich waters.

We also look for Orca, Minke Whale, and Dall and Harbor Porpoises, as well as Steller Sea Lion and Sea Otter. As we see the whales, we interpret their behaviors. We have great hopes of seeing them bubble-feed — grouping up under a school of fish, diving down, and rising to surround them while making a “net” of bubbles.

## **Sun., June 23 Glacier Bay National Park**

Today we're in for a real treat. A National Park ranger comes aboard to share expert insight as we explore Glacier Bay National Park. The park service describes Glacier Bay National Park as a “land reborn, a living lesson in resilience.” And who wouldn't be inspired by this stunning park? From ground-hugging plants that began on land scraped bare by glaciers, to roaring blocks of ice calving from tidewater glaciers and crashing into the sea, a day on the water in Glacier Bay is a thrill.

Have your binoculars handy: Bald Eagle patrol the skies, and smaller seabirds like Pigeon Guillemot are ever watchful. Throughout the day we may spy Orca, Minke, and Humpback Whales. Harbor Seals often haul out with their pups on the ice, beyond the reach of Orca. We also cruise by South Marble Island, a birder's slice of heaven. See Tufted and Horned Puffins, Common Murre, Pelagic Cormorant, and Black-legged Kittiwake. The sights and sounds (and smells) are amazing! Over 300 Steller Sea Lions also use the island to haul out and pup.

We 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, we may opt to take a forest hike around the park's headquarters; it is here that we say farewell to our ranger.

## **Mon., June 24 Chatham Strait**

Stretching 150 miles into the Tongass National Forest, Chatham Strait offers adventure aplenty. We anchor in a



remote Chichagof Island inlet. Some may opt to hike through moss-covered trees and rain-fed waterfalls. Or, some may stick to the water on a kayak excursion — don't forget to look above and below the surface. A nosy seal could be watching your every stroke. Some of us may simply choose to beachcomb the rocky shores and discover the tiny creatures clinging to the rocks.

## **Tues., June 25 Kuiu Island**

The jagged arms and fingers of Kuiu Island stretch from 25 to just six miles wide. Salmon streams dot the coastline — and where there are salmon, there are bears. Despite its slim size, Kuiu Island is home to many Black Bears that seek the solitude and open skies in the heart of the Tongass National Forest. From kayak or skiff, we scope the intertidal zones of Saginaw Bay for bears and other wildlife. We also scan the skies for Bald Eagles as they fish here too, their white heads giving away their perches. Kayak along the Keku Islands or enjoy an easy stroll amidst the tide pools. It's remote and remarkable here on Kuiu Island.

## **Wed., June 26 Frederick Sound**

Frederick Sound is home to summering Humpback Whales, busy feeding on the rich abundance of krill, zooplankton, and herring here. We watch for whales feasting in these abundant glacial waters as we make our explorations today. Based on wind and weather, our expedition team has the lineup of adventures mapped out for the day: Cruise past Five Fingers Lighthouse, Alaska's oldest light station and The Brothers Islands, where Sea Lions nap on rocky nobs; paddle into the deeps of Port Houghton or Windham Bay; or head ashore for a walk. We scan the shoreline for Black Oystercatcher and more. Tonight, we toast another grand day in Alaska.

## **Thurs., June 27 Endicott Arm | Dawes Glacier**

Skiffing up Endicott Arm, Harbor Seals and seabirds can be seen on bergy bits. If the tides are right, we slip into Fords Terror, the steep walls of this narrow opening streaked with waterfalls. Back in the Arm, gasp at the deep glacially-carved valleys. It's at the end of the arm where we meet the piece de resistance: Dawes Glacier. Ice marches down from the Coast Mountains, and with a sharp crack, the thunder of a calving slice makes a mega-splash. Tonight, we celebrate with a festive farewell dinner and "photo journal" from our expedition team.

## **Fri., June 28 Juneau | Disembarkation**

We enjoy a final breakfast of fresh baked pastries before disembarking and saying a goodbye to the crew and friends, old and new. This morning, you transfer to the Juneau Airport.



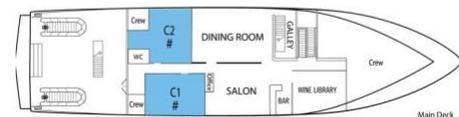
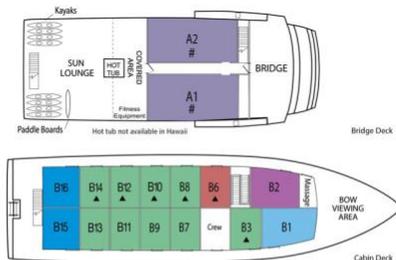
## The Safari Explorer

This high-end SUV of a ship is nimble, strong, and loving. The *Safari Explorer* has what mariners call “feet” that take her into wild areas most other ships aren’t certified to visit. But it’s what’s on the inside that makes this yacht the prize of the fleet. And with only 36 guests on board, the feel is decidedly exclusive. Lovingly called “the Bulldog,” she’s poised, her interior is a pearl, and the general mood is down-to-earth. For about half the year, she bops around the islands of Hawaii soaking up the laid-back aloha spirit. The other half she spends in Alaska sowing her wild oats with inevitable fun and folly.

**Onboard Features:** Full-beam swim step; kayaks, paddle boards, inflatable skiffs, hiking poles, snorkel gear/wetsuits (Hawaii only); on-deck hot tub (Alaska only); fitness equipment and yoga mats; DVD and book library; wine library.

**Cabin Features:** TV/DVD player; Tempur-Pedic mattresses; heated tile floor in all bathrooms; hair dryer, bathrobes, conditioning shampoo, body wash; binoculars; reusable water bottles

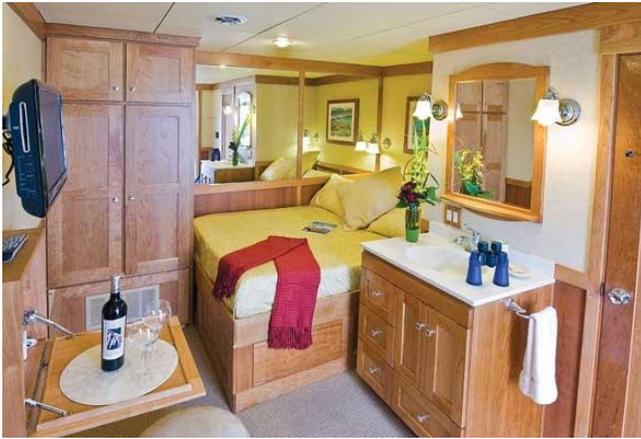
- ✓ 36 guests (up to 40 w/ triples)
- ✓ 18 cabins
- ✓ 14-15 crew members
- ✓ 145 feet in length
- ✓ 36 feet wide
- ✓ Cruising speed of 10 knots
- ✓ Built in 1998 by Freeport Shipbuilding; renovated in 2008
- ✓ Registered in United States
- ✓ 2:1 Guest-to-crew ratio



All cabins are above deck with view windows. Diagram not to scale.  
# Double or Triple Accommodation ▲ Fixed Queen Bed

## Our Cabins

For this cruise, Naturalist Journeys has reserved **Master** and **Admiral** cabins. Pricing: Master Cabin: \$8095 DBL / \$14,170 SGL; Admiral Cabin: \$10,545 DBL / \$18,455 SGL



Master Cabin



Admiral Cabin

## Cost of the Journey

### Plan Ahead!

Protect yourself with Allianz Travel Insurance. Their website will show a grid of tour cost and your age category for you to make selections. As of January 2017, Naturalist Journeys pays 100% of your flight carbon offset.

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We have reserved Master and Admiral Cabins on the *Safari Explorer*. Costs are as follows: Master Cabin: \$8095 DBL / \$14,170 SGL; Admiral Cabin: \$10,545 DBL / \$18,455 SGL per person based on double occupancy, plus a \$375 port tax/fee per person. The tour cost includes 7 nights aboard the *Safari Explorer*, all meals onboard the voyage including alcoholic beverages, all excursions with professional guides, and miscellaneous program expenses, transfers and baggage handling between airport/vessel on embark/disembark days; entry fees to national parks/preserves; all from-the-ship adventure activities and equipment; wellness amenities: fitness equipment, yoga mats, and a complimentary massage.

Not included is the round-trip flight to Juneau. The tour cost does not include items of a personal nature such as telephone charges or optional activities.

We recommend a gratuity for local guides and the ship crew, which is left to the discretion of each participant; guidelines will be provided.

### Travel Information

For the cruise, plan to arrive Friday, June 21 no later than 2:30 PM. Please plan flights out after 11:30 AM on Friday, June 28. We STRONGLY recommend you arrive the night before — you don't want to miss the boat!

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