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## Top Alaska Cruises



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HD video and then shares his footage of octopi, sea lions and kelp forests over cocktails every evening. A video microscope helps guests discover microscopic sea life in the water below; a hydrophone amplifies the sounds of dolphins, orcas and humpbacks; and the 62-passenger *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *Sea Bird* offer comfortable but relatively simple accommodations on 8- and 12-day sailings between Sitka and Juneau or Seattle. *Eight-day itineraries start at \$5,990; [expeditions.com](#).*

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