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OF ALASKA
IN JUST 6 DAYS



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ALASKA: NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

For some time now, travelers have communicated how much they wanted to explore Alaska with us—but needed a shorter time frame. We listened, and responded with this compact itinerary that packs the best of iconic Alaska into six days. Perfect for active travelers, especially families, this nonstop, high-energy expedition sets a keen pace as the highlights ahead show.





Go deep inside wild Alaska From eagles to bears, leaping salmon and calving glaciers, to whales breaching and bubble-net feeding, you'll miss nothing—you'll see and do everything Alaska offers, experiencing it with all your senses. Grab a kayak or a SUP from our onboard fleet, head out in expedition landing craft to observe bears feeding up-close, or to land and hike old-growth forests. Bike against the backdrop of Alaskan wildness, or float a river through a preserve where bald eagles congregate. Get heart-stopping glacier views on a flightseeing adventure. And go home with your best photos ever, too, thanks to our Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructors.

Left: Dawes Glacier in Endicott Arm, Inside Passage, Alaska. Above: a mother and daughter kayaking near National Geographic Sea Bird in Misty Fiords National Monument.

NEW IN 2018 FOR FAMILIES

Our exclusive family program, National Geographic Global Explorers is aboard in Alaska starting this summer. Developed in conjunction with National Geographic Education, this optional program invites kids and teens to:



- **Have fun with cool activities** like learning about glaciers by making sundaes, or using glacial ice to paint watercolors
- **Benefit from National Geographic certified field educators** to connect with wildlife and wonders, on land and in the sea
- **Use their creativity to become good storytellers** —with photos, videos, music, writing, drawing and more, to communicate all they'll see and do
- **Develop their observation skills** by watching out for specific wildlife, and recording observations in their Field Notebook
- **Participate in some or all of the activities** based on their interests.

THE THRILL OF DISCOVERING

Big, beautiful and iconic, Alaska is also inviting—and on this active itinerary you can RSVP with a YES! Our perfectly scaled expedition ships get you deep inside the bays, straits, and inlets where authentic Alaska lives. So, you can get out there, up-close and personally, to experience the ice, the calving glaciers, the forests, rivers, wildlife, and wonders that make Alaska one of the most exhilarating geographies on earth.





Clockwise from left: Endicott Arm; Southeast Alaska; A brown bear surveys its surroundings in Pavlof Harbor State Park on Chichagof Island; Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor assists guest.



And there's more While you're discovering Alaska—from the ship, on land and on the water—you'll have the benefit of a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, at your side and at your service. He or she can help you with camera settings and photography basics. And, they're also trained naturalists. So, they'll help you understand wildlife behavior—that can lead to capturing great shots like the bear above. Depending on your departure date, you might also travel with a top National Geographic photographer, too, for inspiration, tips and story-telling technique.



HAINES: ALASKA'S ADVENTURE CAPITAL

How do you want to experience Alaska today? In Haines, you can choose from a wide variety of “get out there” activities, and decide how you want to spend your time and curiosity, in the morning and in the afternoon.

✓ Pedal off

Head out on a nine-mile ride along the flat, paved road carved into a steep-walled fjord. Be on the lookout for bald eagles, sea lions, seals, bears, even salmon—as your ride brings you along the Chilkoot River to the inlet where river and ocean meet, and salmon congregate to spawn.

Exploring by bike in Haines; Bald eagle; optional flightseeing over Glacier Bay National Park; Guests rafting the Chilkat River.





✓ Hike Mt. Riley

This gorgeous and challenging hike starts from roughly 100 feet of elevation and gains 1,660 feet in the approximately 2.8 miles to the summit. Catch beautiful views. Stop for a picnic lunch.

✓ Catch some history, see rare art & float the river

Explore historic Fort Seward on our way to the ancient Tlingit village of Klukwan, mother village of the Tlingit nation, and the newly opened Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center. The most famous Pacific Northwest Coast Native art in the world is housed here—The Whale House Collection—created over 200 years ago by Kaajísduaxtch, a Tlingit master artist. After the viewing, board rafts for a serene float through the heart of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve—with the largest congregation of bald eagles in the world.

✓ Go flightseeing

Board a classic de Havilland Beaver, the quintessential Alaska flightseeing plane, and soar over the East and West Arms of Glacier Bay National Park—for the best views of the iconic glaciers that give this bay its name. See tide-water glaciers cascading into the sea, and vivid mountain ranges.

✓ Get the local flavor

Experiencing the local culture in small town Alaska is a must, and we encourage you to venture out to test drive “living here.” Head off with our map and list of local eating and drinking spots, and enjoy the town scene.

EXCITING WHALE-WATCHING

You're standing on the bow, to your left a National Geographic photographer; to your right, a researcher from the Alaska Whale Foundation who's just guided us to a spot his experience tells him will prove promising, and all around you are equally intent, observant naturalists. And suddenly, the spotter shouts and points: a pod of bubble-net feeding whales surging up in a collective feeding display, and your shutter clicks just in time!





THE LARGEST AND BEST TEAM IN ALASKA

Share the adventure with an expert expedition leader, naturalists, a certified photo instructor, wellness specialist and a video chronicler—one staff member for every 10 guests. You're never assigned: benefit from a variety of expertise and gravitate towards individuals whose interests mirror your own. Plus, join our captains and officers on the Bridge anytime to observe navigation.



From top to bottom, representing the team for the 2018 season are expedition leader **John Mitchell**, and wellness specialist **Alexis Mutchler**.



Krista Rossow, National Geographic photographer is aboard two departures:

May 29 & June 3, 2018



Get closer than you ever imagined Drawing on 35 years of knowledge exploring the region, our skill in timing, and our nimble, perfectly sized ships, we can navigate deftly to be “there” when whales are—creating amazing observation and photo ops others just cannot deliver. And if the opportunity arises, our naturalists may even drop a hydrophone to reveal the whales’ communication, or give you a whale’s-eye view through exclusive footage shot by National Geographic’s Crittercam team.

▶ SEE WHALES IN ACTION AT: [EXPEDITIONS.COM/BUBBLENET](https://www.expeditions.com/bubblenet)

Left: Bubble-net feeding is an innovative cooperative feeding strategy devised by humpbacks to aggregate schools of small fish to get more food per mouthful. You may have a chance to witness it up-close, with experts to explain the complex behavior involved.

YOUR MOBILE BASE CAMP

National Geographic Sea Bird is ideal for exploring this region of bays, islands and inlets. Intimate and inviting, her scale fosters a rewarding sense of community and esprit de corps. Life aboard is casual, and there's no assigned seating in the dining room to foster easy mingling. And the dining is superb, featuring line caught fresh fish and sustainably sourced produce. Accommodating just 62 guests in 31 outside cabins, National Geographic Sea Bird's cabins are warmly outfitted with glowing cherry veneer, and our signature feather duvets—for a perfect ending to active days.





(Clockwise from left): Expedition ship National Geographic Sea Bird can access hard-to-reach locations; the ship's expansive decks facilitate your connection to the great outdoors; a comfortable Category 2 cabin; dinner is served in single seatings with unassigned tables for easy mingling; Ceviche Salad in the dining room; morning yoga on the back deck.

WILD ALASKA ESCAPE

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS—ABOARD *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*

PRICES FROM: \$4,290 to \$7,490 (See page 14 for complete prices.)

Explore wild Alaska on an active, exciting expedition to see the region's iconic wildlife and epic landscapes in the compact time frame of one work week. Take long hikes on world-class trails through forests of towering trees, kayak long routes deep into glacially carved fjords, stand-up paddleboard in calm bays, and raft to an ancient Alaska native village—all with our nimble expedition ship as your moving basecamp.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Paddle on long, naturalist-guided kayaking journeys into Alaska's dramatic bays.
- ▶ Explore Haines, the "adventure capital of Alaska," via raft, bicycle, or hiking boots.
- ▶ Board expedition landing crafts to view icebergs and the face of a glacier in Tracy or Endicott Arm.
- ▶ Choose optional flightseeing offering breathtaking aerial views of Glacier Bay National Park.



DAY 1: SITKA/EMBARK

Arrive in Sitka, Southeast Alaska's only oceanfront town. Stretch your legs by walking the Totem Trail in Sitka National Historic Park or other local nature trails before stopping in at the Raptor Rehabilitation Center for an up close look at Alaska's birds of prey. Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird*. (L,D)

DAY 2: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Immerse yourself in the wilds of Alaska as you kayak deep into one of Baranof or Chichagof Island's countless, breathtaking bays. Hear bald eagles call from the tops of towering spruce and hemlock trees as you paddle through these mirror-calm waters. In the afternoon, learn the stories of this ancient rain forest on an adventurous hike with your naturalist guide. (B,L,D)



Floating down the Chilkat River.

DAY 3: ICY STRAIT AND THE INIAN ISLANDS

Spend today searching for wildlife in these rich waters, where the Pacific Ocean meets the Inside Passage. Options include a Zodiac cruise among the Inian Islands, where an abundance of Steller sea lions reside, quiet kayaking in the outer waters of Glacier Bay or hikes in lush temperate rain forest. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HAINES

Haines is known as the "adventure capital of Alaska" for a very good reason. If you're feeling extra adventurous, you can choose from one of many world class hikes, cycle along the edge of a glacial fjord, or take an optional flightseeing excursion over Glacier Bay National Park. Or you may also choose to raft down the Chilkat River, calling into the ancient Chilkat Tlingit village of Klukwan for a dance demonstration and cultural interpretation. The day is full of options. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRACY ARM—FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS

Awake this morning in the stunningly beautiful Tracy Arm, part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness. Enter this glacially carved wilderness aboard our nimble ship, then set out to explore by expedition landing craft for a view of South Sawyer or Dawes Glaciers. If conditions permit, hop into one of our kayaks to paddle along fjord walls that soar straight from the sea, as you spot curious harbor seals trailing your wake. Cap off your adventurous voyage with the Captain's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: JUNEAU/DISEMBARK/SEATTLE

Disembark in downtown Juneau and transfer to the airport for flights to Seattle. (B)



Optional flightseeing.

EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2018 May 19, 24*, 29; Jun. 3*, 28; Jul. 3*, 8, 13*; Aug. 7, 12*, 17, 22*

2019 May 25, 30*; Jun. 4, 9*; Jul. 4, 9*, 14, 19*; Aug. 13, 18*, 23, 28*

*These departures travel in the reverse order, from Juneau to Sitka, making all the same stops.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book now and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE** between Seattle and Alaska on select May 2018 departures.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER

Travel with National Geographic photographer, **Krista Rossow** on the May 29 & Jun. 3, 2018 voyages.



South Sawyer glacier.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our ship features a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Breakfasts are wide selection buffets and lunch is often served family style. Dinners are primarily served plated. Menu emphasizes local fare.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: Bow camera, hydrophone, kayaks, fleet of paddleboards, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, and expedition landing craft.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access. A certified photo instructor and a video chronicler are on board all voyages. An undersea specialist is on board in Alaska.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.

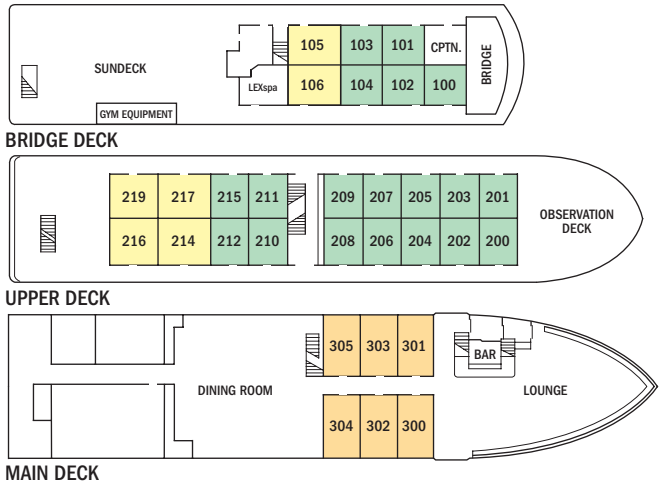
CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305—Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, and a large view window.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215—These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219—These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

NOTE: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

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Wild Alaska Escape	2018/19	\$4,290	\$4,990	\$5,990	\$6,440	\$7,490	\$750	Sample Airfares: Seattle/Juneau/Sitka/Seattle or vice versa: Economy from \$350; Business from \$600.

INCLUSIVE PRICING

No extra charges for activities All the daily activities—from city explorations to Zodiac cruises, kayaking, or hiking, paddleboarding, rafting and more—are included in the price.

- ✓ Glacier flight-seeing
- ✓ Presentations & photo instruction, including a special Alaska Whale Foundation presentation
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights

No charge for in-depth expertise The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff are open to all and included in the price.

And freely enjoy the following aboard ship:

- ✓ All meals—from breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room
- ✓ All non-alcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, latte, coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Snacks are put out throughout the day
- ✓ Fitness area with elliptical, treadmill, stationary bicycle, free weights, bands & more
- ✓ Access to reference books and board games in the library

- ✓ Daily stretching class with wellness specialist
- ✓ Mac computers for downloading your camera's memory card & Internet access
- ✓ Access to the ship's Bridge to learn about navigation
- ✓ Complimentary environmentally-friendly refillable water bottle

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

FREE AIR CREDIT: Book by March 31, 2018 and receive **FREE ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE BETWEEN SEATTLE & ALASKA:** On the May 19, 24, & 29, 2018 departures. New Bookings only. Subject to availability. Please call for details.

BRINGING THE KIDS: We believe sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. So take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18.

TRAVELING AS A GROUP: Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Take advantage of these great savings, while enjoying traveling with your friends and family. This savings is applicable to voyage fares only, and is not valid on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies.

**For Reservations: Contact your travel advisor or Lindblad Expeditions
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cost Includes: All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary or similar, all meals and nonalcoholic beverages aboard ship, meals on land as indicated, air transportation where indicated as included, shore excursions, sightseeing, and entrance fees, use of kayaks (where available), special access permits, transfers to and from group flights, tips (except to ship's crew), taxes and service charges, and services of our expedition staff.

Not Included: Air transportation, (except where shown as included), extensions, passport, visa, immigration fees, meals not indicated, travel protection plan, items of personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, internet, voyages DVD, laundry.

Gratuities to ship's crew are at your discretion.

Airfare: For all programs, airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Sample airfares are subject to change. We will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

Advance Payment: \$750 due at time of booking. Responsibility and Other Terms & Conditions: Among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our website at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Important: Cancellations are subject to penalty. Visit our website for details on our Cancellation Policy and travel Protection Plan.

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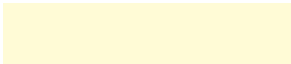
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See details on page 15



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