

Alaska Bound

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CruiseWest

Up-close, casual and personal.

**Glacier Bay Highlights
4 Nights 5 Days
Round Trip from Juneau**

Day 1

Juneau

Before sailing from Juneau, exciting optional activities may be available for your day in town. Ride the mountaintop tram, flightsee the Juneau Icefield or go hiking. Board the Spirit of Discovery to start your cruise. **D**

Day 2

Skagway / Haines

Relive the gold Rush in the picture-perfect setting of Skagway, the starting place for many early gold seekers. The Skagway Streetcar will tour you around this charming town, home of the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway, built in 1898. Just down mountain lined Lynn Canal, visit Haines, famed for attracting artists and for its bald eagle population. Nestled at the base of the rugged Chilkat Mountains, the picturesque town of Haines is a pleasant contrast to the bustle of the big cruise ship ports. This truly Alaskan town known for its scenery, military history, numerous artisans, galleries, and off-the-beaten-path attitude will allow you to breathe in a taste of life in the “real” Alaska that few have the privilege to enjoy. **BLD**

Day 3

Wilderness Cruising / Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

Your Captain will determine the best spots to explore this morning based on the local conditions. Watch for humpback whales and, weather and conditions permitting, explore by inflatable excursion craft.

This afternoon the Captain will take the vessel into Glacier Bay Park Headquarters in Bartlett Cove, located just inside the boundary of Glacier Bay National Park. Here a Park Ranger and a Cultural Interpreter will come aboard to welcome you and provide a brief introduction to the park before you go ashore. Once ashore you will be able to participate in a number of activities: a walk around the Forest Loop Trail, extended hikes, walks along the beach, enjoy time sitting by the fireplace, or sitting on the deck at Glacier Bay Lodge taking in the scenery. This evening we cruise into the heart of Glacier Bay National Park looking for wildlife along the way. **BLD**

Day 4

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

Designated a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve, Glacier Bay is a nature wonderland. While most cruises enter and exit the park in one day, you will be able to spend all day making your way through the Bay, allowing for in-depth exploration and even more incredible scenery. A Park Ranger and a Cultural Interpreter will be onboard

all day to provide narration and insight into your Glacier Bay experience. **BLD**

Some of the highlights of our full day of exploration may include:

- Waking up to the sound of “bergy bits” (glacial ice) gently knocking the hull as we approach Marjerie Glacier
- Hearing the crack of “White Thunder” as John’s Hopkins, Lamplugh or Grand Pacific Glacier calves
- Bird watching at South Marble Island, including puffins, black-legged kittiwakes and murrelets
- Listening to the barking of Steller’s sea lions at their favorite haul-out
- Searching for brown bears, black bears, wolves and moose in tiny coves and inlets inaccessible to large ships
- Floating alongside rafts of sea otters
- Watching for the minke, humpback and orca whales that make Glacier Bay their summer home

Day 5

Juneau

Disembark in Juneau. If you have time before your flight, optional excursions include a rainforest hike, Mendenhall Glacier tour or glacier flight seeing. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. **B**