



Alaska: Whales & Waterfalls Yacht Adventure

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Trip Highlights

VISIT Admiralty Island National Monument, known as the “Fortress of the Bears” as it has the highest population of brown bears per mile on Earth.

FLY above glaciers, snow-capped mountains, and waterfalls before landing at a historic private lodge for a wild Alaska salmon feast during a three-hour flightseeing adventure.

KAYAK or skiff through the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and other incredible sites along the way, with several chances to paddle and enjoy Alaska’s wild landscapes.

EXPLORE protected wilderness areas like Windham Bay, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Fords Terror Wilderness Area, Tongass National Forest and more.

SEE towering glaciers, waterfalls, and cliffs while traversing through the Endicott Arm Wilderness Area.

ENJOY majestic humpback whale watching in Frederick Sound and Icy Strait.

SOAK in natural hot springs on Baranof Island and in a small hot tub on the deck of the yacht.

VIEW seals, otters, sea lions, eagles, porpoises, and other diverse animals during wildlife searches.



Tour Dates

~~May 21 – 29, 2026~~ — Full

May 27 - June 4, 2027

Trip Leader:

May 2026: Dani Catania, Head of Guiding and Operations

May 2027: Erica Hausfeld, Senior Alaska Guide

Tour Price

\$11,995 USD per person (double occupancy) for the Navigator cabins.

\$13,995 USD per person (double occupancy, shared bed) for the Pathfinder cabin.

\$14,980 USD per person (double occupancy) for the Admiral cabins.

There's no Single Supplement as all cabins are priced for double occupancy. Solo travelers who want their own cabin will have to pay for double occupancy.

For a description of the cabin types, consult the [Accommodations section](#) in this brochure.

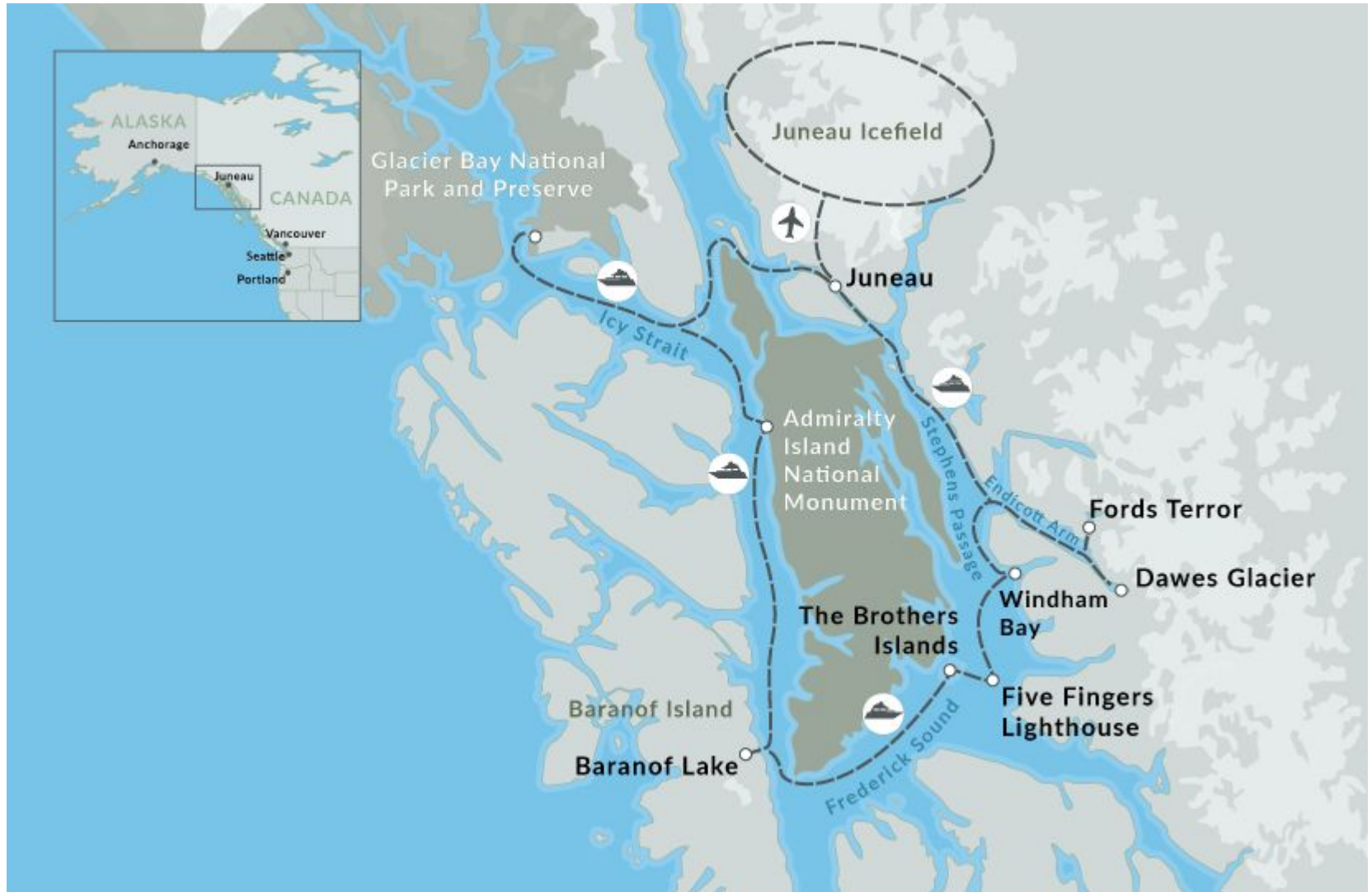


What's Included

- Accommodations for 8 nights
- All your guides (24/7 Gondwana guides and activity day guides) and all gratuities for guides and yacht crew
- Access to highly restricted wilderness areas like the Endicott Arm Wilderness Area, Fords Terror Wilderness Area, and Windham Bay Wilderness Area
- A special early entry permit to Glacier Bay National Park
- A three-hour flightseeing experience over the Juneau Icefield to a historic private lodge for lunch
- A visit to Admiralty Island National Monument, known as the "Fortress of the Bears"
- Humpback watching in Frederick Sound and Icy Strait
- All other activities such as: kayaking secluded bays of Icy Strait, embarking on wildlife searches, visiting the towering Dawes Glacier—and more!
- All alcohol and meals

We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize our trip's impact on the environment

Tour Map





TOUR ITINERARY

Note that we reserve the right to slightly alter the itinerary due to seasonality, weather or availability

Day One

When you arrive in Juneau, enjoy a complimentary pick-up and transfer to the Silverbow Inn. If you arrive with time to spare, you can either relax at the hotel or explore downtown Juneau's landmarks, historical sites, shops and more.

In the evening, join our Meet & Greet, orientation, and a welcome dinner.

Dinner included.

Day Two

Hello Juneau! First settled in the gold rush days, Juneau welcomes you with small town charm and towering glaciers. In the early afternoon, embark on a three-hour flightseeing adventure over the Juneau Icefield, snow-capped mountains and cascading waterfalls*. Land at the historic Taku Glacier Lodge within the Tongass National Forest, where you'll indulge in a wild Alaska salmon feast and learn more about the lodge's history. After lunch, take a stroll on the nearby wilderness trails or simply enjoy the rustic scenery that surrounds you.

Once we return, it's embarkation time! Toast to the riches of Alaska as you sail west toward Icy Strait. Enjoy the stunning sights of nature as the dramatic coastline unfolds.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included



**The floatplanes are not certified for passengers weighing more than 300 lbs (including footwear and clothing) at the time of the flight. All passengers will be weighed with personal belongings prior to boarding.*



Day Three

Kick-start the morning with a strong cup of coffee and a hot breakfast made by our onboard chef. Energized and snug in your kayak, paddle in the secluded bays of Icy Strait through giant bullwhip kelp that can grow to over 100 feet long*. Join the group in a skiff to a rocky outcropping to watch sea lions play. Or, step into mud boots for a forest hike with your topnotch naturalist guides who have plenty to share about everything Alaska—marine biology, plants, and even geology.

On board, soak it all in as you relax in the hot tub. Tonight, your boat sails into Glacier Bay National Park with a special early entry permit only available on this itinerary.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.

Day Four

Glacier Bay National Park covers an incredible 3.3 million acres (that's a tad smaller than the state of Connecticut). Most visitors see the same sliver of the park as everyone else. Not you. You're going the furthest and exploring parts that 99% of visitors never go to. Hike the outwash field of glaciers winding down the Fairweather Mountain Range. The cool breeze off the nearby snow and icefields is energizing.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



**Due to the size of the kayaks, paddlers taller than 6'5" and/or with waist sizes wider than 44" may not fit comfortably or at all. The kayaks are only rated for individuals weighing less than 250lbs (including footwear and clothing).*

Day Five

At Admiralty Island National Monument, kayak, skiff, and weave in and out of the bays and islets keeping your eyes out for Alaska brown bears and nesting bald eagles. Tlingit call the island Kootznoowoo, meaning “Fortress of the Bear”, for its abundant population of brown bears. The island also has the highest density of bald eagles in the world.

We'll also explore Baranof Island, home to the charming town of Sitka and some of Alaska's dense, temperate rainforests.

Our adventure takes us on a scenic hike to Baranof Lake, followed by a stop to relax in the soothing natural hot springs along the Baranof River. For larger groups, we'll split up to ensure a quiet, peaceful connection with nature without disturbing residential areas. When you're not hiking or relaxing in the springs, you can take skiff tours or kayak excursions while keeping an eye out for the island's abundant wildlife.

After another big day, pop up to the bridge to look over charts with your captain and mates.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.





Day Six

Witness humpback whales (and possibly orcas with some luck) who feed in Frederick Sound seasonally on krill, zooplankton, and herring. Watch for these gentle giants as they feast in these abundant glacial waters. Based on wind and weather, your expedition team has the lineup of adventures all mapped out. Cruise past Five Fingers Lighthouse, Alaska's oldest light station, and The Brothers Islands, where sea lions nap on rocky knobs. Tonight, toast to another big day in Alaska.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Seven

Humpback and orca whales are frequent visitors of this Southeast passage. A misty spout is a sure sign they're in the neighborhood. Your captain navigates Windham Bay and Stephens Passage. And you're in for a boot-sucking, paddle-smacking day of adventure with your guide team. The routes are all picked out. Make your choice and make your move. Slip off the kayak launch and take it slow, spotting sea stars and shore birds. Or, take a long wild paddle to the salt chuck at the back of the inlet. It's a landscape of hanging waterfalls and shades of green.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included.



Day Eight

Skiffing up Endicott Arm, harbor seals laze around on icebergs. If the tides are right, slip into Fords Terror, the steep walls of this narrow opening streaked with waterfalls. Back in the Arm, marvel at the deep glacier-carved valleys. It's at the end where you meet the pièce de résistance: Dawes Glacier. Blue ice marches down from the Coast Mountains. With a sharp crack, the white thunder of a calving slice makes a mega-splash. Tonight, celebrate with a festive farewell dinner.

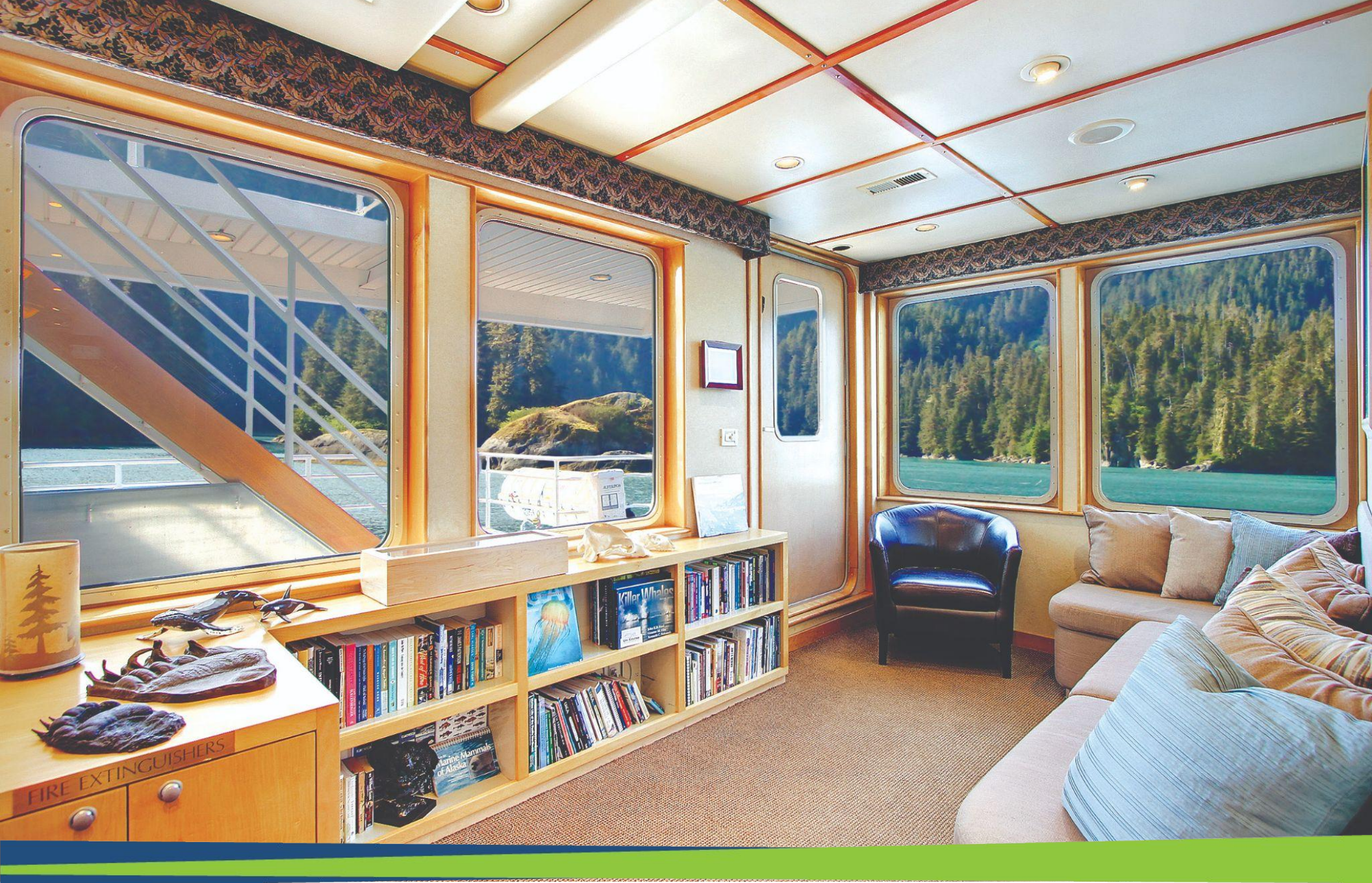
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner are included.



Day Nine

Indulge in fresh baked pastries over one last breakfast. Your crew and new friends wish you heartfelt goodbyes. This morning, transfer to the Juneau airport or to another hotel if you are extending your stay in the area.

Breakfast included.



ACCOMMODATIONS



Safari Quest

The Safari Quest can carry up to 20 guests. Agile, spry, and with clean design lines, the vessel can reach small nooks that other vessels cannot, including coveted wilderness areas with limited access of no more than two groups of twelve guests per day!

Its insides offer spacious and comfortable cabins, a cozy lounge, and welcoming dining room. Its four decks also feature an on-deck hot tub and fitness equipment, a small library, an open bridge, and bar.

Whether you're lounging on deck in the sun, reading with a view of the ocean in the library, or resting in luxurious rooms, the Safari Quest is the perfect vessel for exploration and relaxation.

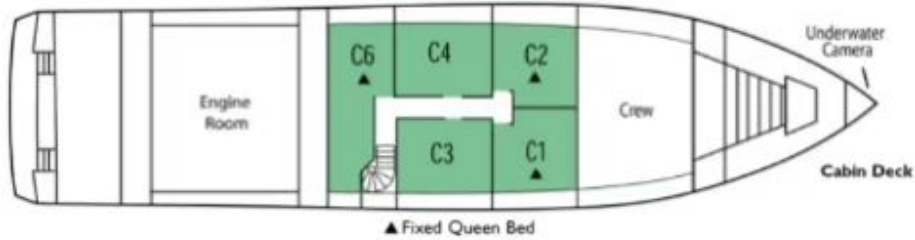


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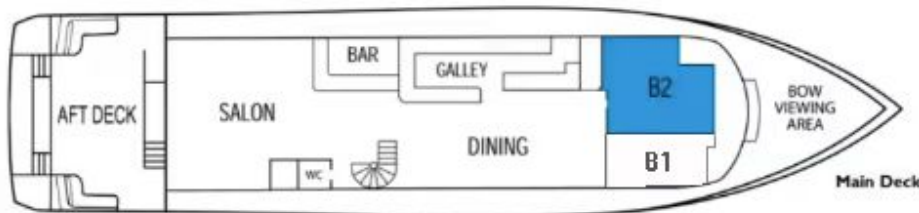
Alaska was a bucket list item for me and this trip did not disappoint at all. They are a smaller company which means you get a more personal experience and hands-on than you do with a lot of the larger ones. The value is incredible with no sacrifice to quality. You don't find that often in travel companies.

- Mike S.

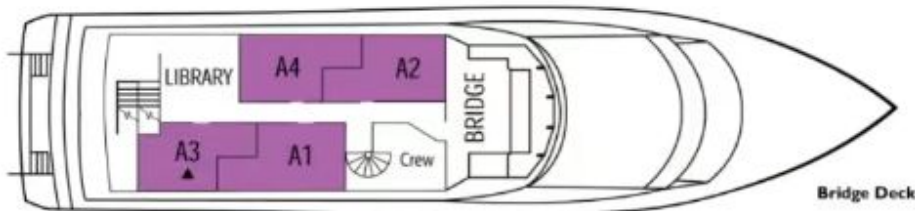
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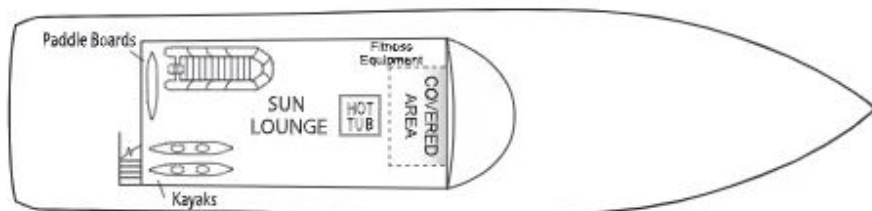
Cabin Deck - Navigator Cabins (C1-C6), Engine Room, Crew Quarters, and Underwater Camera.



Main Deck - Pathfinder Cabin (B2), Dining Room, Salon, Bar, Bow Viewing Area, and Aft Deck.



Bridge Deck - Admiral Cabins (A1-A4), Library, and the Bridge.



Observation Deck - Lounge in the sun or sit in the shade. Hot Tub and Fitness Equipment.

Silverbow Inn

Night 1

Originally built in 1907 as a bakery before expanding to include four buildings, the Silverbow Inn is a historic landmark located in downtown Juneau.

The hotel offers many amenities like complimentary tea and coffee, in addition to evening treats and a full breakfast. The hotel also provides free Wi-Fi, smart TVs, two hot tubs, two fire pits, and an on-site restaurant with a wine and beer bar.



Navigator Cabin

\$11,995 USD per person (double occupancy) - Cabins C1 - C6

Located on the cabin deck of the boat, Navigator Cabins can be configured with king, queen, or twin beds, with an elevated window that provides beautiful natural lighting.

Enjoy cabin amenities including a TV/DVD player, heated tile floors in its private bathroom, a hairdryer, bathrobes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and binoculars.



**We reserve accommodations for our tours up to two years in advance. However, in rare cases, hotels or lodges may overbook, change ownership, or no longer meet our quality standards. If this happens, we reserve the right to provide a suitable hotel of similar quality. We will notify you via email if we need to change your hotel accommodations. Thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility.*



Pathfinder Cabin

\$13,995 USD per person (double occupancy) - Cabin B2

Located on the main deck of the boat with easy access to the dining room, salon, bar, and the bow viewing area, the Pathfinder Cabin contains a queen bed with a viewing window.

Enjoy cabin amenities including a TV/DVD player, heated tile floors in its private bathroom, a hairdryer, bathrobes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and binoculars.

Room sizes and views are different depending on which cabin you reserve. Please note that we assign guest rooms on a first-come, first-served basis based on booking date. No exceptions.



Admiral Cabin

\$14,980 USD per person (double occupancy) - Cabins A1 - A4

Located on the bridge deck near the boat's library, the Admiral Cabins contain king, queen, or twin sized beds with a sliding glass door that opens to a small balcony.

Enjoy cabin amenities including a TV/DVD player, heated tile floors in its private bathroom, a hairdryer, bathrobes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and binoculars.

Dining

Enjoy a luxurious dining experience onboard the yacht with an on-site chef and pastry chef dedicated to using fresh and sustainable ingredients from local farmers and vendors. Their innovative dishes embody the taste of Alaska, showcasing field-to-table produce and ocean-friendly seafood.

Wake up each morning to a full hot breakfast with a daily special. Lunches can range from satisfying options like soup, sandwiches, chili, salads, wraps and more— the perfect fuel for your adventurous days! Dinner includes a full three-course meal with a wine pairing or non-alcoholic options. Take your pick from a local sea, land, or garden option with the flexibility to choose half-and-half if you prefer.

Our on-site bartender offers premium and small batch craft spirits. Savor cocktails created with seasonal, local ingredients, house-made mixers and cordials, and some with house-infused spirits.





GENERAL INFORMATION



MEET YOUR TRIP LEADER

Dani Catania

We work with a carefully selected crew of expert guides. All of our guides are personable, professional, courteous, friendly, and excited to show our guests some of the most incredible parts of Alaska. All of our guides are vetted, trained, and hold relevant certifications such as CDL, Wilderness Medicine, and / or First Responder.

Dani Catania has extensive experience guiding on small expedition ships in Antarctica. With his expertise, you'll enjoy unparalleled access to Alaska's remote wilderness on this small yacht adventure. He knows this part of Alaska very well and is familiar with the area's geography, natural history, flora, fauna, and has some knowledge about the Alaska Natives' history and customs.

Dani is also Gondwana Ecotours' Head of Guiding and Operations, which means he oversees, coaches, and mentors all of the guides that we work with across the world.

Dani will be the Trip Leader for the May 21 - 29, 2026 departure.



MEET YOUR TRIP LEADER

Erica Hausfeld

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Erica Hausfeld brings more than 20 years of experience in adventure travel, having led trips across the globe in destinations such as Vietnam, Cambodia, New Zealand, Patagonia, and Iceland. Her breadth of experience translates seamlessly to Alaska, where she combines a global perspective with deep local knowledge.

Erica first arrived in Alaska in 2007 as a summer guide and returned season after season, drawn to the state's wild places, rugged coastlines, and close-knit communities. In 2020, she made Homer her full-time home, further deepening her connection to the region.

Erica will be the Trip Leader for the May 27 - June 4, 2027 departure.

FAQ

Is This Trip For Me?

- Our Alaska: Whales & Waterfalls Yacht Adventure requires a moderate level of mobility and physical fitness. You should be able to walk at least two miles unassisted, walk on uneven terrain without established trails and some incline, enter and exit large vehicles without assistance, and be physically capable of climbing up and down short stairs or ladders. As there is a significant amount of time spent on water, guests should feel comfortable on boats and skiffs. The ability to participate in light kayaking will also add to one's experience.
- Designed for a range of fitness levels, this adventure offers options for everyone. On active days, choose from rugged treks, shorter shoreline walks, or relaxed skiff rides for wildlife viewing without extended hiking. Kayaking is optional and available throughout the voyage. Open paddles are self-paced, while guided paddles vary in duration and route. While kayaking enhances the experience, it is not required. Activity options vary by day, offering both active excursions and more relaxed ways to explore.

Weight & Height Limitations

- Unfortunately, there are some weight and height limitations on this tour. Guests taller than 6'5" and/or with waist sizes of more than 44" may not fit in the tandem kayaks. The kayaks are only rated for individuals weighing less than 250lbs (including footwear and clothing). The seats used in the floatplanes are only rated for individuals weighing less than 300 lbs (including footwear and clothing). If you exceed these weight restrictions and let us know in advance, we can offer alternate activities.

Do you offer private tours?

- Yes, our itineraries can be arranged as private tours for small groups from 6-18 people, depending on the season and itinerary. You and your group can travel together on a more personalized trip while still benefiting from the same guides, accommodations, and activities included in our regular departures. To receive more details on dates, pricing, and special requests, please email info@gondwanaecotours.com.

How do I sign up?

- Secure your spots with a \$2,000 USD per person deposit (via phone, email, or on our [website](#)) that is fully refundable within 30 days of payment, provided the trip is at least 121 days away at the time of cancellation. Cancellations processed after 30 days from the time the deposit was placed are not eligible for any refund. The remaining balance is due 120 days before the tour departs. Read our complete [Booking Agreement here >](#)
- After signing up, we will send you a confirmation message and valuable information to prepare you for the trip. We will also send you two easy forms to submit with your registration information and flight details.

WHY TRAVEL WITH US?

Our promise is to deliver custom crafted and authentically local travel experiences that send you home with lifelong memories of your unique adventure. We strive to put our values into practice with every Ecotour that we create.

SMALL-GROUP SIZE We limit our group to 20 so you can have a unique and personalized experience.

PROFESSIONAL GUIDES Enjoy the company of guides who share their knowledge about the region's nature and culture with you for an unbeatable experience. Note that specific guides guiding specific tour dates is never guaranteed.

FIVE-STAR REVIEWS We take pride in our commitment to quality, service, and unforgettable adventures, all of which have earned us glowing reviews from guests. We're honored by the [kind words they share](#) about their positive experiences.

CARBON NEUTRALIZATION We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize your trips impact on the environment.

LOW IMPACT Our ecotours leave a small impression on the environment because of the accommodations, restaurants, small group size of 20, and the activities. Our yacht burns ultra-low sulfur diesel, comparable to what is sold by cars, instead of "heavy fuel" that most large ships use. We limit single plastic use onboard, use environmentally friendly cleaners, and buy from local farmers and fisherman.

ONE-OF-A-KIND ACTIVITIES Many of our activities have been created by our passionate local guides and our founder exclusively for our guests; you truly cannot get these experiences with any other company.



We hope you'll join us on an upcoming Alaska: Whales & Waterfalls Yacht Adventure!

A \$2,000 USD per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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