

# **Coastal Alaska Adventure:**

### Explore Glacier Bay & Northern Inside Passage

August 31 – September 12, 2024 13 Days – 11 Nights

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Join ODC Network CEO and Naturalist Travis Williams for this all-inclusive 13-day itinerary that begins in Juneau, Alaska. Once again, we have partnered with our friends at Sea Wolf Adventures to bring you an amazing small group, private and customized coastal adventure. We will explore the glacially scoured fjords of Glacier Bay, the glaciers and the lands between them. It is a 270-year-old area offering you an amazing visual of a rapidly changing geological landscape and the plant and animal succession. This region of the US is



not only home to a significant number of glaciers, it is also home to a multitude of plants, mammals, birds and marine mammals who flourish in this ancient moss laden, coastal landscape. After spending approximately half the trip exploring the park, we will transition south into Tongass National Forest exploring the waters and islands that make up the northern Inside Passage. Rich with marine life, bears, moose, and wolves, the rugged mountains and temperate rainforest of this region never cease to amaze visitors.

Alaska is a rugged and beautiful state that is home to a wide variety of ecosystems including coastal shoreline, temperate rainforest, mountains, tundra, and a wide variety of wetlands, ponds, lakes, streams and rivers. This diverse landscape is a tourist hotspot and draws visitors from around the world. The ODC team are experienced trip guides and hosts, and Alaska is one of our favorite destinations. You may know people who have traveled to Alaska via cruise ship, or traversed the landscape via buses, RVs, or train. Although these are some of the most popular ways to see the state, the ODC experience is very different.



Participants who travel with the ODC on the Coastal Alaska Adventure will experience Southeastern Alaska in a way that most never will. You will be part of a group no larger than 12 people. Cruise ships and other typical Alaskan tours pair you with hundreds, if not thousands of other travelers. Our customized travel program ensures that you have up-close and personalized experiences. Private chefs prepare our meals, and experienced Alaskan guides deliver unique experiences.

This trip is all inclusive. Your lodging, food, drinks, guides, all transportation in Alaska, along with all experiences and gratuities are included.

### **Trip Schedule**

#### August 31

Flight to Juneau for an early evening arrival. We'll spend the night in Juneau.

#### September 1

Transfer flight to Gustavus, Alaska. This short 25 min flight will take us to Gustavus, a small and remote community west of Juneau, nestled in the northern part of the Inside Passage and the home of Glacier Bay National Park. Once in Gustavus a private shuttle will transfer us to our lodging for the evening. Dinner and an optional hike will round out our day.

#### September 2

In the morning, we will travel to Bartlett Cove at the Glacier Bay National Park headquarters where we will board the Sea Wolf and begin our week aboard our private Glacier Bay cruise. <u>More about Sea Wolf Adventures</u>

#### September 2 - 6

We will explore the waters, coastlines, glaciers, and forests of Glacier Bay National Park spending roughly 12 hours each day cruising the park viewing whales, sea lions, seals, otters, bears, wolves, mountain goats, hundreds of bird species and more. Our trip will include hiking and kayaking in and around six different glaciers. Each day our private chef will prepare gourmet meals. Complimentary beer, wine, and sodas will kick off daily happy hours. Your guides will teach you all about the region and help you have safe and up-close encounters with Alaskan wilderness.

#### September 7

The Sea Wolf will leave the protected waters of Glacier Bay National Park and move south across Icy Straits and begin our exploration of the Tongass National Forest. Here we will look for bears feeding in the salmon streams, whales feeding in the nutrient rich waters, and we will explore natural and cultural features of the area.

#### September 8 - 11

Staging daily from the Sea Wolf, we will traverse Admiralty, Baranoff, and Chicof Islands for hiking, kayaking, and wildlife viewing. Evenings will be spent on-board taking in Alaskan sights and sounds.

#### September 11

We will return to Juneau and disembark from the Sea Wolf. The boat will dock in downtown Juneau where we will catch a shuttle to our hotel. The rest of the day you will have time to explore Juneau or rest in your room.

**September 12** Return flight home.











## **Trip Cost:**

#### \$8,500 per person (plus 4% service charge if using a credit card)

**Includes:** all lodging, guides, all meals (food & drinks) all travel in Alaska, professional photographer services during the trip, and 10% trip gratuity for the boat.

Trip cost is based on double occupancy and does not include round-trip flights to Alaska. ODC Network can help book your flights .

#### **Payment Schedule:**

\$2,500 deposit due at time of registration\$3,000 due February 1, 2024\$3,000 due June 1, 2024

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