



Itinerary

10 Day Alaska's Inside Passage: Fjords of the Great Land Cruise

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

Day 1: Vancouver, Canada ~ Embark Ship

Your adventure begins in the vibrant seaport city of Vancouver, set between the sparkling Pacific Ocean and dramatic mountain backdrops. Explore its diverse neighbourhoods, each offering world-class farm-to-table dining and a welcoming West Coast atmosphere. Wander the cobbled streets of historic Gastown with its Victorian architecture, or take a leisurely walk around the lush greenery of Stanley Park, where city views meet spectacular natural scenery. If time allows, consider arriving a little earlier to experience more of what this dynamic city has to offer.

Later in the day, make your way to the pier where your expedition ship, the MS Roald Amundsen, awaits. After embarking, settle into your cabin and take some time to familiarise yourself with the ship's amenities. Before departure, attend the mandatory safety briefing and enjoy the anticipation of the incredible voyage ahead.

MEALS: Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 2: Cruising Queen Charlotte Sound

Today, your voyage continues as you sail north along the spectacular Queen Charlotte Sound, part of the famed Inside Passage—a coastal route winding through the dramatic North American Pacific Fjordland. This vast channel stretches for over 930 miles and offers breathtaking scenery at every turn.

Leaving the shelter of the protected fjords, you'll journey into open waters, passing up Queen Charlotte Sound and crossing the Hecate Strait. While you're at sea, take time to relax and soak in the views from the deck. The passage here is somewhat shielded from the full force of the Pacific Ocean by the nearby islands of Haida Gwaii.

Keep your eyes peeled—this region is renowned for its rich marine life. You may be lucky enough to spot humpback whales breaching, pods of orcas, sleek fin and minke whales, or playful Pacific white-sided dolphins accompanying the ship.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 3: Unspoiled Misty Fjords

Today, you will explore the unspoiled wilderness of Misty Fjords, a remarkable part of the Tongass National Forest. This pristine landscape, adorned with towering evergreen trees, roaring waterfalls, and snowcapped peaks, was famously described by naturalist John Muir as one of the most beautiful places he had ever witnessed.

Weather permitting, join the Expedition Team for a small boat tour through the fjords, or if you prefer, paddle a kayak to immerse yourself more intimately in the stunning surroundings.

Misty Fjords is teeming with wildlife. As you navigate these serene waters and dense forests, keep an eye out for black and brown bears, and moose. The fjords are also home to Pacific salmon, playful otters, Steller sea lions, harbour seals, orcas, and Dall's porpoises. In the skies above, you might spot graceful herons and majestic Bald Eagles.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 4: The Totems of Klawock

Today, you'll arrive in the picturesque town of Klawock, located on the western shore of Prince of Wales Island. With a population of about 700, Klawock is renowned for its impressive collection of totem poles and its rich connection to Tlingit culture. The original Tlingit name for the island, 'Taan', means sea lion, reflecting the area's deep ties to the natural world.

A visit to Klawock's Totem Park offers a unique glimpse into this cultural heritage. Here, you'll find 21 exquisitely carved totem poles, some of which are modern replicas of the originals that once stood in the winter village of Tuxecan. Take time to admire the artistry and symbolism that make these totems a vital part of the community's identity.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 5: Fjords of Southeast Alaska

Start your morning scanning Frederick Sound's pristine waters for the breathtaking sight of whales. This region is renowned as one of Southeast Alaska's premier wildlife hotspots, where humpback whales, orcas, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, Dall's porpoises, and a variety of seabirds are commonly seen feeding and playing in the rich marine ecosystem[3][5][8].

Today is dedicated to exploration. The Captain and Expedition Team will use local expertise to select the finest destination, responding to conditions for the best wildlife viewing and adventure. You may venture out aboard our expedition boats to investigate secluded coves and the forested shorelines along the 150-mile-long Chatham Strait, or, if conditions allow, enjoy an intimate paddling experience by kayak surrounded by dramatic fjord scenery[12][15][18].

Wherever we explore today, keep your eyes open for Alaska's spectacular wildlife. Bald eagles soar overhead, bears and moose roam the forested shores, and marine mammals such as humpback whales may make memorable appearances as you glide through one of North America's last great

wildernesses[17][19].

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 6: Icy Strait expedition day

Today is another day of exploration as you sail into remote Icy Strait, a region renowned for its wild beauty and rich wildlife. Here, the Expedition Team will gauge the weather conditions and local sightings to select the optimal spot for adventure among the islands and islets of the strait[15][7].

Using our expedition boats, you may cruise close to rocky shores and possibly make a landing to enjoy a guided nature walk. The coastline becomes more rugged the closer you draw to open sea, revealing dramatic sea caves and rocky pinnacles that offer a picturesque backdrop for wildlife viewing[13][19].

Keep your eyes peeled for some of Alaska's most iconic creatures. Icy Strait is famous for humpback whales, orcas, Steller sea lions, and playful sea otters—all often spotted from the ship or your boat. Bald Eagles soar overhead and may be seen perched along the forested coastline, while the shores themselves can play host to brown bears and Sitka black-tailed deer during the right season[14][15].

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 7: Glaciers of Icy Bay

Today, you'll embark on a day of exploration in the breathtaking Icy Bay, where three mighty glaciers—Guyot, Yahtse, and Tyndall—continuously feed massive chunks of ice into the bay's sparkling waters, giving this region its evocative name.

If conditions permit, join the Expedition Team for an adventure by small expedition boat or kayak, fully immersing yourself in the remarkable glacial scenery and the tranquillity that defines this wild landscape.

From Icy Bay, take in sweeping views of Mt. St Elias, a striking, jagged peak renowned for its dramatic vertical relief. Standing at over 18,000ft, Mt. St Elias is the second tallest mountain in the US and the third tallest in the US and Canada—an unforgettable sight that rises abruptly above the surrounding ice fields.

As your voyage continues into the Gulf of Alaska, keep a sharp lookout for the region's iconic wildlife. These rich waters are home to humpback whales, orcas, playful sea otters, and harbour seals, all of which are commonly sighted in the area.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 8: Historic Valdez

Today, you'll explore historic Valdez, a region once thrust into the spotlight by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989. Since then, dedicated environmental restoration efforts have helped the coastline make a

remarkable recovery—an inspiring testament to healing and resilience in nature.

Your visit includes time at the Valdez Museum, where you can discover fascinating exhibits featuring Native Alaskan art and culture, artifacts from the Gold Rush era, and stories about Alaska's legendary Bush Pilots. These displays offer a deeper understanding of the area's rich heritage and its role in shaping the state's history.

As you journey through Valdez and its surrounding landscapes, keep watch for local wildlife. Beavers, moose, and bears are often seen in this region, thriving in the rejuvenated environment and providing further proof of the area's restoration.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 9: Tidewater Glaciers of Prince William Sound

Today is dedicated to the awe-inspiring glaciers of Prince William Sound, which boasts around 150 glaciers in total—including 17 spectacular tidewater glaciers that extend right down to the sea. Your Captain will use their expertise and local conditions to select the best glacier viewing opportunities, ensuring you get safely as close as possible to these rivers of ice[1][4][7].

Weather and ice permitting, take to the water in our small expedition boats or, for a more intimate encounter, explore by kayak. As you glide through these glacier-studded fjords, be sure to keep watch for the abundant wildlife that calls this icy wilderness home. Humpback whales may surface nearby, otters and harbor seals are often spotted lazing on the ice, and Bald Eagles frequently soar overhead or perch in treetops along the coast[1][6][12].

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: MS Roald Amundsen

Day 10: Arrive Seward, United States ~ Disembark Ship

This morning, your expedition cruise draws to a close as we sail into the charming port town of Seward. Nestled on the shores of Resurrection Bay, Seward is the only deep-water, ice-free port in the region with road, rail, and air connections to Alaska's vast interior. As we make our approach, keep a lookout for the bay's resident beluga whales, which are often spotted gliding through these waters.

After disembarkation, take a moment to savour your final glimpses of Alaska's dramatic coastal scenery. If your schedule allows, we highly recommend joining one of our optional Post-Programmes to make the most of your time here—whether that means discovering more of Seward's coastal charm or venturing farther into Alaska's spectacular heartland.

MEALS: Breakfast