



## Itinerary

### 18 Day Alaska Inside Passage | Northbound – 2027

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

#### Day 1: Arrive Vancouver, Canada ~ Embark Ship

Your expedition begins today in Vancouver, a vibrant seaport city set between mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Known for its natural beauty and diverse neighbourhoods, Vancouver offers the perfect start to your adventure.

Take time to explore highlights such as historic Gastown or enjoy a scenic walk through Stanley Park, where you will catch your first glimpse of the landscapes that await. Alternatively, arrive early to fully experience the city's renowned dining scene and relaxed coastal atmosphere.

Later, make your way to the pier where your expedition ship, MS Roald Amundsen, awaits. After boarding, settle into your cabin and take time to familiarise yourself with the ship's facilities. Attend the mandatory safety briefing before meeting your fellow travellers.

In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner onboard as your journey officially begins. Relax and take in the excitement as you set sail on your unforgettable expedition.

**MEALS:** Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

#### Day 2: Inside Passage

Today, sail through the spectacular Alaska inside passage, one of North America's most scenic coastal routes. This protected waterway winds through dramatic fjords, forested islands, and glacier carved landscapes.

Your expedition ship allows access to narrow channels and remote areas that larger vessels cannot reach. As a result, you will enjoy a more immersive and up-close experience of this breathtaking region.

Keep your cameras and binoculars ready as wildlife is often spotted throughout the day. Look out for humpback whales, fin whales, minke whales, and possibly orca, along with seabirds soaring above.

Take time to relax on deck or in the observation areas as the ever-changing scenery unfolds around you. This is a truly memorable day showcasing the beauty of the Alaska inside passage.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

### Day 3: Misty Fjords

Today, explore the breathtaking wilderness of Misty Fjords, located within the vast Tongass National Forest. This pristine region features towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, dense forests, and snow-capped peaks.

Weather permitting, join your Expedition Team for an up-close exploration by small boat or kayak. These excursions allow you to fully immerse yourself in the untouched beauty of this remote landscape.

Keep watch for incredible wildlife throughout the day. You may spot mountain goats, black bears, brown bears, and moose along the shoreline. In the water, look for otters, seals, sea lions, and even orcas or Dall's porpoises.

Above, Bald Eagles and herons glide through the skies, completing this rich and diverse ecosystem. This is a truly unforgettable day in one of Alaska's most stunning natural environments.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Misty Fjords Small Boat Cruising

### Day 4: Wrangell, USA

Today, arrive in Wrangell, one of Alaska's oldest harbour towns, rich in history and culture. This fascinating destination has been home to the Tlingit people for thousands of years.

Explore the town and visit the local museum to learn about its unique past, shaped by Indigenous, Russian, and American influences. Then, cross to Shakes Island to discover the Chief Shakes Tribal House and traditional totem poles.

Just outside town, visit Petroglyph Beach where ancient rock carvings, believed to be over 1,000 years old, line the shoreline. These markings offer a rare insight into the region's early inhabitants.

For those who enjoy the outdoors, scenic walking trails wind through lush rainforest landscapes near the Stikine River and Mount Dewey. This is a perfect opportunity to take in the natural beauty of the Alaska inside passage.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Island Heritage Discovery

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Le Conte Glacier Experience
- Rainbow Falls Hike
- Sea Wildlife Adventure

- Stikine River Wilderness and Glacier Lake by Jetboat
- Tongass Botanicals Nature Walk

## Day 5: Sitka

Today, arrive in Sitka, a picturesque coastal town surrounded by the vast Tongass National Forest. Accessible only by sea or air, Sitka offers spectacular views of the Sisters Mountains and Mount Edgecumbe volcano.

Rich in history, Sitka has been home to the Tlingit people for over 10,000 years. Later influenced by Russian settlers and now part of the United States, the town showcases a unique blend of cultures.

Explore key highlights including the Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the historic Russian Bishop's House. Then, visit Sitka National Historical Park to admire beautifully carved Haida and Tlingit totem poles.

Enjoy a scenic walk-through forest trails leading to the ocean, where nature and history come together. This is another memorable day exploring the beauty and culture of Alaska.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

### **INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Raptor Centre Shuttle

### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Alaska Expedition Vessel Adventure and Fin Island Lodge
- Kelp Forest Snorkel Experience
- Sea Otter and Wildlife Quest
- Sitka Cultural Discovery
- Sitka Kayak Adventure
- Tongass National Forest Hike

## Day 6: Icy Bay

Today is a true expedition day as you explore the remote beauty of Icy Bay, where glaciers meet the sea. This remarkable area is fed by the Guyot, Yahtse, and Tyndall glaciers, creating a dramatic icy landscape.

Weather permitting, join your Expedition Team for an up-close experience by small boat or kayak. This allows you to fully appreciate the scale and raw beauty of the surrounding glaciers and rugged coastline.

Take in views of the impressive Mount St Elias, one of the tallest peaks in North America, rising sharply above the landscape. Meanwhile, keep watch for wildlife including humpback whales, orcas, sea otters, and harbour seals.

This is an unforgettable day of exploration, offering incredible scenery and wildlife encounters in one of Alaska's most pristine environments.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Icy Bay Small Boat Cruising

### Day 7: Gulf of Alaska

Today, enjoy a relaxing day at sea as you sail across the vast Gulf of Alaska. This is the perfect opportunity to unwind and make the most of the ship's onboard facilities.

Take a dip in the infinity pool, relax in the hot tubs, or rejuvenate in the sauna. Alternatively, stay active in the gym or treat yourself to a massage in the spa.

Throughout the day, join the Expedition Team in the Science Centre for engaging lectures on Alaska's wildlife, geology, and culture. These sessions provide valuable insight into the regions you are exploring.

Spend time in the Explorer Lounge & Bar or out on deck, watching the ocean pass by. Keep an eye out for North Pacific albatross, including the Laysan, Black footed, and the rare Short tailed species.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

### Day 8: Kodiak Island

Today, arrive at Kodiak Island, known as the Emerald Isle for its lush forests and rugged coastline. This beautiful island is the traditional home of the Alutiiq people and offers rich culture and wildlife.

Explore landscapes of mountains, wetlands, and dense temperate forests that support a wide range of birdlife and marine species. The island is also famous for its iconic residents, the Kodiak brown bears.

Keep watch as you search for whales, sea otters, and seals along the coastline. With luck, you may also spot Kodiak bears in their natural habitat within the vast Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge.

This is a memorable day combining incredible wildlife encounters with the raw beauty of Alaska's wilderness.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Kodiak Island Exploration

### Day 9: Katmai National Park

Today, explore the wild and remote landscapes of Katmai National Park, a vast region covering over four million acres. This rugged area is home to active volcanoes, dramatic coastlines, and incredible wildlife.

Katmai is renowned for having the highest concentration of brown bears in the world. Throughout the day, safely observe these magnificent animals from the ship or during small boat excursions.

You may see bears foraging for berries, digging for clams, or catching fish along the shoreline. Each sighting offers a rare and unforgettable wildlife experience.

Depending on conditions, your Captain may choose to explore areas such as Geographic Harbor, Kinak Bay, or Kukak Bay, each offering unique scenery and wildlife opportunities.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Geographic Harbor Small Boat Cruising

## Day 10: Alaska Peninsula

Today, explore the remote and untamed wilderness of the Alaska Peninsula, known for its dramatic coastal landscapes and rugged natural beauty. This region offers a true sense of isolation and adventure.

Join your Expedition Team as you venture into hidden bays and sheltered inlets along the shoreline. These areas provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife in their natural habitat.

Keep watch for brown bears, Bald Eagles, and marine life including sea otters and humpback whales. Each encounter offers a deeper connection to this wild and untouched environment.

Along the way, learn about the region's geological history and how powerful natural forces have shaped the landscapes you see today.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Alaska Peninsula Small Boat Cruising

## Day 11: Unga

Today, visit the remote and hauntingly beautiful Unga Village, an abandoned settlement on Unga Island. This rarely visited destination offers a unique glimpse into Alaska's past.

Originally settled by the Unangan people in 1833, the village was later abandoned in 1969. Today, only a handful of weathered wooden buildings remain, standing as quiet reminders of a once thriving community.

Surrounded by colourful wildflowers such as fireweed and pink lousewort, the landscape has slowly reclaimed the area. The contrast of nature and history creates a truly memorable setting.

Join your Expedition Team for a guided landing by small boat, where you can explore the site and experience the peaceful isolation of this fascinating location.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Unga Village Nature Landing

## Day 12: Dutch Harbor

Today, arrive in Dutch Harbor, the largest fishing port in the United States and a destination rich in history and culture. As you approach, take in views of Mount Makushin, an active volcano rising above the landscape.

Learn about the region's heritage at the Museum of the Aleutians, where the stories of the Indigenous Unangan people are brought to life. You may also visit the Russian Orthodox Cathedral or explore the WWII museum, which reflects the area's wartime history.

Keep watch for local wildlife, including Bald Eagles and puffins along the coastline. On land, you may spot foxes, lemmings, and wild horses, while the surrounding waters are home to whales, sea lions, and porpoises.

Famous as the setting for the television series *The Deadliest Catch*, Dutch Harbor offers a unique glimpse into life in one of the world's most challenging fishing regions.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- Unalaska Cultural Tour

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

- Bunker Hill Hike

## Days 13 to 16: Bering Sea

Over the next four days, continue your expedition across the remote Bering Sea as you journey towards Nome. This part of the voyage combines relaxing sea days with exciting opportunities for exploration.

On exploration days, your Captain will select the best landing sites based on weather and sea conditions. Possible destinations include St Paul Island, home to the largest Unangan community and an important habitat for birdlife.

You may also visit St Matthew Island, a wild and isolated landscape of black sand beaches and tundra. This remote island is home to rare species, including the McKay's Bunting found nowhere else.

During time at sea, keep watch for seabirds such as puffins, auklets, and murrelets. With luck, you may even spot the rare Red legged Kittiwake.

Enjoy the ship's facilities including the Explorer Lounge, infinity pool, and outdoor hot tubs. Alternatively, join informative lectures in the Science Centre to learn more about the region's wildlife and environment.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** MS Roald Amundsen

**INCLUDED EXCURSIONS:**

- St Paul Landing
- St Matthew Nature Landing

### Day 17: Nome ~ Disembark Ship ~ Seattle

Today, arrive in Nome, a historic frontier town shaped by the Alaskan Gold Rush. First settled in 1898, the town still reflects its golden past through scattered relics and preserved landmarks.

As you explore, you may see old dredges, steam engines, and railway tracks that tell the story of early prospectors. Nome also holds significance as the final stop of several of Roald Amundsen's polar expeditions.

After disembarking, bid farewell to your expedition ship and the incredible journey you have experienced. You will then transfer for your onward flight to Seattle.

On arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening, reflecting on your unforgettable adventure through Alaska and beyond.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Sheraton Grand Hotel Seattle

### Day 18: Depart Seattle

Your incredible journey comes to an end today in Seattle, known as the Emerald City. After breakfast, it is time to check out and continue your onward journey.

If time permits, take the opportunity to explore more of the city. Stroll through Olympic Sculpture Park for views over Puget Sound, or visit the famous Pike Place Market, filled with local produce, street performers, and vibrant atmosphere.

As your adventure concludes, reflect on the unforgettable experiences, wildlife encounters, and stunning landscapes you have discovered along the way.

**MEALS:** Breakfast