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Alaska Ferry Vacations

13 Day Alaska Ferry Expedition with Air

Reference ID : 5847

Travel Arrangements: US\$4,550.00 per person and is based on Double Occupancy
Single, Triple and Quad occupancy available upon request.

2022 Departures: Weekly Departures May 18th – August 31st

Day 1:

Accommodation for 1 night in Bellingham

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: Day 2

This down-to-earth all-suite hotel features relaxed studios including free WiFi and flat-screen TVs, as well as living areas with pull-out sofas and desks. All rooms offer minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. A hot breakfast buffet, parking and an airport and Alaska Marine Highway shuttle are complimentary. There's a casual restaurant/bar, a BBQ area and a convenience store. Other amenities include an indoor pool, a hot tub and an exercise room.

Day 2:

Ferry from Bellingham to Juneau with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: 06:00 pm

Ferry Arrival Time: Day 5

The Alaska Ferry departs from the Bellingham Fairhaven Terminal for the three night voyage to Alaska's capital city of Juneau.

Accommodation in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom

Day 5:

Icefield Excursion

Duration: 1 Hour

This tour takes approximately 1 hour from the time it lifts off until it returns to the heliport. Your helicopter flight will take you over the spectacular rock formations and icefalls of the Juneau Icefield as it heads toward either the Herbert, Taku, Lemon or Norris Glacier. Your helicopter flight will be narrated by a knowledgeable pilot-guide. Upon reaching your destination your pilot-guide will shut down the helicopter and escort you on an informative, relaxing walk while describing the area that surrounds you. Transportation included from Downtown cruise ship dock.



Accommodation for 1 night in Juneau

Check in: 03:00 pm

Check out: Day 6

This B&B features 14 deluxe suites in a unique Victorian-style Farmhouse. Come and spend a blissful night in a plush feather bed and indulge in the wonderful homespun comforts all while being nestled in a quiet rural setting in the Mendenhall Valley.

A complimentary full breakfast is provided each morning of your stay. Complimentary transfers to/from the airport or ferry terminal are available.

Juneau



Day 6:

Flight from Juneau to Sitka

Duration: 40 Minutes

Accommodation for 2 nights in Sitka

Check in: 02:00 pm

Check out: Day 8

This hotel is conveniently located in downtown Sitka, Alaska on Sitka Harbor, less than two miles from the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez

Airport. Your hotel offers guests well-appointed accommodations and local cuisine at the Dock Shack, the restaurant and lounge, which provides patrons spectacular views of the local fishing fleet and Mt. Edgecumbe. Complimentary transfers are provided to and from the airport.

Sitka



Sitka is the only Inside Passage community that fronts the Pacific Ocean, hugging Baranof Island's west shore in the shadow of the impressive Mount Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano with a graceful cone reminiscent of Japan's Mount Fuji.

Located on Sitka Sound and surrounded by a myriad of small, forested islands, the city of 8,615 residents is marked by the picturesque remnants of its Russian heritage, including the onion-shaped domes and gold colored crosses of the beloved Saint Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

Although first inhabited by Native Tlingit Indians, Sitka is recognized as the heart of the Russian influence in Alaska. The Russians arrived by 1741 and in 1804 attacked a Tlingit fort. The region's most famous battle eventually led to the creation of Sitka National Historical Park. Originally established as New Archangel, Sitka became the capital of Russian American in 1808. When Russia sold Alaska to the United States on October 18, 1867, the transfer ceremony took place on Sitka's Castle Hill.

For the nature lover, Sitka is home to a number of attractions that will amaze and educate visitors. These wildlife-oriented destinations include the Alaska Raptor Center and Fortress of the Bear. The Alaska Raptor Center rehabilitates injured birds and releases them back into the wild. The few who don't regain flight remain housed at the center and visible to guests. Fortress of the Bear features a three-quarter-acre habitat for orphaned brown bear cubs complete with covered viewing areas.

Day 7:

Wildlife Tour

Duration: 2.5 hrs or 5hrs (price/availability vary)

Discover Southeast Alaska's majestic landscape and wilderness by cruising Alaska style. Spend your time in Sitka embarking upon a personalized and exciting wildlife boat tour in which you will get to be up close to the magical creatures that are guaranteed to leave you in awe. Experience the smell of whale breath aboard your boat trip. Gaze at the famed puffins and laugh with the curious sea otters as you cruise by.



Day 8:

Flight from Sitka to Anchorage

Duration: 3 Hours

Sit back and relax on this scenic flight from Sitka to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Fly time is approximately 3 hours.

Accommodation for 1 night in Anchorage

Check out: Day 9

Your tour features an Anchorage hotel in downtown near the Alaska Railroad Depot. Ideally located on the banks of Ship Creek, the property is within walking distance of lovely downtown Anchorage. Attractions that are just minutes away include the Alaska Railroad and the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

Anchorage



Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, lies between the mountains and the sea and yet is no stranger to the wilderness. There is no other urban area like it.

Among the northernmost cities on Earth, Anchorage is a place with big-city amenities: fine restaurants, museums, theaters and an excellent music scene. Creating the backdrop are the salmon-rich waters of Cook Inlet and the 5,000-foot-plus peaks of Chugach State Park. Within a short drive from downtown are dozens of wilderness adventures and a short plane ride opens up the possibility of almost any type adventure. That's one reason why Anchorage's Lake Hood is the world's busiest floatplane base. Anchorage's 284,994 residents embrace both the urban amenities and the wilderness beyond it.

Anchorage features dozens of parks and 122 miles of paved bike paths. Warmed by a maritime climate, you can spend the day fishing Ship Creek downtown, hiking the nearby mountains, photographing glaciers and dining at a four-star restaurant. Within a 15-minute drive from downtown is the tree-lined trailhead of Anchorage's most popular hike, Flattop Mountain. In winter, the city transforms into fluffy white playground, with 130 kilometers of maintained Nordic ski trails, dog sledding, ice skating, snowmobiling, ice sculptures and more. Just 45 minutes away is Alaska's premier alpine ski resort, Alyeska Resort.

Anchorage wasn't officially founded until 1915, even though British explorer Captain James Cook sailed past the site in 1779 and gold prospectors discovered the bounty of Ship Creek in the late 1800s. It wasn't until the Alaska Railroad set up a construction camp in 1915 that Anchorage was established and became a booming tent city of 2,000 people. Anchorage proved to be the ideal center for Alaska's rail, air and highway systems with the military build up of World War II and the discovery of oil in Cook Inlet in the 1950s, adding to its steady growth. After the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake, the city was rebuilding itself when another opportunity arose: the discovery of a \$10-billion oil reserve in Prudhoe Bay. Though the Trans-Alaska Pipeline doesn't come within 185 miles of Anchorage, the city became the headquarters of various petroleum and service companies.

Day 9:

Train from Anchorage to Denali - Gold Star Service

Duration: 7.5 Hours

The Denali Star, the Alaska Railroad's flagship train, links Anchorage to Fairbanks with stops in Wasilla, Talkeetna, and Denali Park.

GoldStar, first-class service aboard double-deck dome cars, luxury rail travel has never been better. Reserved upper-level dome car seating, priority check-in, upper-level outdoor viewing deck, exclusive lower-level dining room, and complimentary Breakfast and Lunch and non-alcoholic beverages.



Accommodation for 2 nights in Denali National Park

Check out: Day 11

Your accommodations are nestled within a colorful tapestry of spruce and birch trees on the slopes of Sugarloaf Mountain, the hotel provides the ideal jumping off point for your special Alaskan adventures. Featuring comfortable guest rooms situated in 12 buildings tucked into the forest on the gently sloping hillside. The inviting main lodge features a log-beamed great room bathed in natural light with a stone fireplace and traditional Alaskan art.

Denali Natural History Tour

Duration: 1.5 Hours

This tour focuses on the rich, cultural history of Denali National Park with interpretive programs that depict the diverse native and early pioneer influences in and around Denali. You'll learn about the history and culture that surround you at a Living History presentation while visiting Savage Cabin, and learn more about local native culture at Primrose Ridge. The tour also stops at the Wilderness Access Center for a viewing of "Across Time & Tundra", and award winning presentation on the building of the park road. 4.5 - 5 hours, travels 17 miles one-way.

Day 10:

Tundra Wilderness Tour

Duration: 6-8 Hours, Early Morning departure

The Tundra Wilderness Tour is a 6-8 Hour fully narrated tour that travels 53 miles into the Denali Park and Preserve. This tour includes a snack and beverage. The Tour has departure points from all the major area hotels. Departure times are announced the day before your tour and are available from the desk in the lobby upon arrival. Check in is 30 minutes prior to departure.

2022 - Please note that due to damages on the park road, the tour will be going to mile 43.



Day 11:

Denali To Anchorage

Duration: 6.5 Hours

Motorcoach transportation from Denali National Park to Anchorage. Time permitting, photo and restroom stops will be made on your 237-mile trip. A 15 minute stop will be made at the McKinley Princess Lodge allowing great views of Denali, weather permitting,

and the ability to purchase “to-go” coffee, soda and snacks. Please note length of stops and arrivals may vary based on traffic and road delays.

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Check out: Day 13

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Day 12:

26 Glacier Cruise

Departure time: 09:30 am (Check in: 09:00 am)

The 26 Glacier Cruise travels over 140 miles into Prince William Sound where you will see 26 “named” glaciers and many more unnamed. You will get face to face with these towering masses of ice, so close you can “hear” the glaciers move and gaze at their brilliant blue hues. The 26 Glacier Cruise and Glacier Quest Cruise depart from the Cliffside Marina, in Whittier Alaska.



Day 13:

Flight from Anchorage to Seattle

Duration: 4.5 Hours

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS ALASKA TOURS

A “**plan-to-go**” **deposit** may be required after initial consultation. Usually we spend up to an hour planning alternatives for you for free. Then we request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations are recommended as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit of \$500 per person or 30% of the total tour, whichever is greater is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 45 days prior to departure. Components are presented as a package tour and the individual prices will not be broken out due to contractual arrangements with our vendors. Although we offer reservation services for all airlines, generally airline tickets are non-refundable at the time of booking. Additional payments can be accepted anytime.

Our Peace of Mind Guarantee insures that our guests confirming their trip at least 60 days prior to travel will have 15 days from day of deposit to modify or postpone your trip to the following season. Additional costs may apply due to availability.

Cancellations and refunds: A 10% administrative fee of the package total will apply for cancellations made up until 45 days prior to your first day of travel. Between 45 to 21 days prior your first day of travel a 50% fee will apply. Within 21 days of travel, your package is non-refundable. Any changes to your itinerary may have additional fees. There could be situations beyond the control of Viking Travel, where your reservations are non-refundable. Groups, cruises, escorted tours, and wilderness lodges have additional restrictions. We recommend travel insurance to cover these perils.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

Due to weather cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are subject to our cancellation policies.

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