



SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Aboard SV Island Odyssey
Prince Rupert, BC to Petersburg, AK
11 Days

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Arrive into Prince Rupert, BC - Plan to arrive at least one day prior to your trip departure and overnight at one of the several accommodation options located in Prince Rupert. If you have time, visit the Museum of Northern British Columbia located a few blocks from downtown. The museum organizes local tours to several petroglyph sites. The historic North Pacific Cannery, located about 20 minutes away by taxi, has interesting displays explaining historic salmon fishing and canning operations. For more information about Prince Rupert call 1-800-667-1994 or visit <http://www.visitprincerupert.com/>

Throughout our voyage the daily itinerary remains flexible to meet group interests, weather patterns, and of course, to take full advantage of wildlife sightings

Day 1 – 9:30 am - Meet at the top of the dock on the east side of the **Atlin Terminal** building in Cow Bay – a 5 minute taxi ride from downtown. A Bluewater crew member will meet you at the top of the dock. After cabin assignments, and a safety orientation we will depart Prince Rupert harbour for the beauty of Chatham Sound and its myriad of islands. The entrance to Portland Canal marks the border between Alaska and British Columbia. Sailing past Misty Fjords National Monument, we enjoy the beautiful scenery of snow-capped mountains rising majestically out of the ocean. Guided by our naturalist we will spot and identify fascinating wildlife, explore the shoreline for intertidal creatures and keep a daily record of the various species of birds, plants and marine mammals we observe. Each night we will anchor in a new scenic bay.

Days 2-10 – Cruising up Revillagigedo Channel, past the historic Native American settlement of Saxman, our first major stop will be at Ketchikan. In the late 1800's the then lucrative cannery industry earned Ketchikan the title of "Salmon Capital of the World". We will have time to walk along the old boardwalk "streets" and the ambitious may proceed further to the Totem Heritage Center to see original totem poles collected from uninhabited Tlingit and Haida Villages.

We continue north among the narrow passages of Etolin and Wrangell Islands to Anan Bay. Anan Creek has the largest run of pink salmon in Southeast Alaska, and this accumulation of food attracts bears, eagles and seals. We will visit the bear viewing observatory, built by the US Forest Service. It is amazing to watch bears feeding on spawning salmon in a rushing river – truly a classic Alaska experience. Access to Anan is limited in order to protect the wildlife and local habitat.

We will disembark the Island Odyssey for an afternoon jet boat experience to the LeConte Glacier – the southernmost tidewater glacier. In the last 15 years, it has receded by over a mile and a half with enormous slabs of ice "calving" into the ocean.

Frederick Sound is the core feeding area for humpback whales in Southeast Alaska. Journeying through this area, we will see whales on a daily basis. Our onboard Naturalist will identify and explain the fascinating feeding techniques of these giant cetaceans and will help to spot other marine mammals in the area.

Guests will enjoy another Southeast Alaska tidewater glacier, the Dawes Glacier up Endicott Arm. We voyage up this picturesque inlet carved by the moving glacial ice over millions of years. We keep watch for mountain goats and cascading waterfalls as we approach this monolithic wall of ice! With a good tide, we expect to lay anchor in a secluded cove in the remote and picturesque Ford's Terror.

Admiralty Island National Monument has the highest concentration of brown bears and eagles in North America and has some beautiful evening anchorages – keep an eye out for brown bears on the shoreline!

Please note: Only a limited number of visitors are permitted to visit these bear viewing areas, daily, due to National Park restrictions. Access is dependent on our success in obtaining these permits for our guests.

Day 9 – Trip Finish: – On the last morning we sail into Petersburg, Alaska to complete our voyage. Petersburg, known as “little Norway”, is a delightful town to explore. We will disembark in time to catch a late afternoon flight.

- IMPORTANT -

*“Island Odyssey” will be passing US Customs & Immigration inspection upon entry into the United States at Ketchikan. All passengers must carry proper identification and documentation necessary for international travel and for entry into US. Bluewater Adventures is required to provide US Customs & Immigration with a list of passengers and crew, in advance of our arrival in Ketchikan. We require your **Full Legal Name, Date of Birth and Citizenship** as it appears on your identity and travel documents. Please ensure you provide this information on the forms you return to the Bluewater Adventures office. Guests traveling from overseas are required to complete an electronic Visa Waiver (ESTA) prior to the trip to allow for entrance into the United States. Guests traveling from countries not covered under the ESTA are required to provide proper documentation to enter into the United States.*

For further information: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Booking Your Flights:

Any reputable travel agent can assist with your travel arrangements. Bluewater Adventures uses **Uniglobe Travelex** services. As a travel agency, they can provide competitive fares and can also provide cancellation insurance.

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From overseas, call collect on the weekdays during office hours.

Please mention that you are a Bluewater Adventures passenger in order to receive our preferred rates.

Alaska Airlines provides daily flights to all major communities in Southeast Alaska including Petersburg.

Air Canada provides daily flights between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, BC. Air Canada also provides service to Seattle and has connections to other cities.

Alaska Air	1-800-252-7522	www.alaskaair.com
Air Canada	1-800-247-2262	www.aircanada.ca

Please note:

The Prince Rupert airport is located on Digby Island. Access is only by ferry and shuttle bus between the airport and downtown locations. The shuttle service and airport ferry take about one hour. Please allow plenty of time for airport transfer. Check with your airline for specific instructions on check-in procedures and shuttle bus schedule for flights out of Prince Rupert. Call (250) 622-2222 to confirm the shuttle bus schedule. <http://www.ypr.ca/>

FERRIES

The **ALASKA STATE FERRY** system services all of the larger communities in Southeast Alaska, Prince Rupert, BC and south to Bellingham, WA. Telephone 1-800-642-0066 at www.state.ak.us. One can travel as a foot passenger or pay an additional fee for a cabin.

It is possible to travel **BC FERRIES** along the “Inside Passage” between Port Hardy and Prince Rupert. Telephone toll free: 1-800-223-3779 or on the internet at: www.beferriers.bc.ca

ACCOMMODATION

Prince Rupert, BC

Eagle Bluff B & B	(250)627-4955 (800) 833-1550	www.eaglebluff.ca eaglebed@citytel.net	\$60-\$125CAD
Pacific Inn	(250) 627-1711 (888) 663-1999	www.pacificinn.bc.ca info@pacificinn.bc.ca	\$100-\$175CAD
Crest Motor Hotel	(250) 624-6771 (800) 663-8150	www.cresthotel.bc.ca info@cresthotel.bc.ca	\$179+CAD
The Highliner	(250) 624-9060 (800) 668-3115	www.highlinerplaza.com/index.php	\$85-\$115CAD

Petersburg, AK

Tides Inn	(907) 772-4288	www.tidesinnalaska.com	\$100-110
Broom Hus B&B	(907) 772-3459	http://www.broomhus.com	\$95-\$165
Nordic House B&B	(907) 772-3620	www.nordichouse.net/	\$82-\$149
Scandia House	(907) 772-4281 (800) 722-5006	www.scandiahousehotel.com	\$110+

Note: Accommodations in Petersburg are limited during summer months. Early reservations are recommended.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Our vessel is equipped with up-to-date radio and communication systems. If someone back home needs to get in touch with you for an important message instruct them to call the Bluewater Adventures office Toll Free at **1-888-877-1770** or **(604) 980-3800**.

Office hours are Monday to Friday (9:00 am to 5:00 pm PST). If unable to speak with our office staff please leave a detailed message which will be relayed at the first opportunity. We will return all calls and verify whether messages have been received.

In the event of an **EMERGENCY** call the Bluewater Adventures office and speak with our staff, or call the emergency telephone number provided through the recorded message. If time is of the essence and the situation is critical call **United States Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Centre – Juneau (907) 463-2000 (“24/7” service)**. Explain the situation and request assistance in contacting a passenger aboard “S/V Island Odyssey” cruising in the Prince Rupert/Petersburg area. They will issue a radio alert for the vessel to contact the Coast Guard on Channel 16 for an urgent message. However, it still may take some time to establish contact.



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