



SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Sample Itinerary

Aboard S/V Island Roamer
Petersburg, AK to Prince Rupert, BC
9 days

This opportunity to explore Southeast Alaska with Brian is an unexpected bonanza for all who know him. This expedition takes us right into prime humpback whale feeding territory of Frederick Sound. We explore fishing grounds of coastal brown bears as salmon arrive to spawn and no trip into Alaska is complete without a visit to towering, tidewater glaciers.

Alaska is a vast, beautiful and truly wild place with the highest coastal mountain range in the world. Over one-half of the world's glaciers cover these mountains and Alaska is one of only three places in the world where tidewater glaciers exist. Most of the glaciers we will see stem from the massive Stikine Ice Field, sitting high in the Coast Mountains, east of Petersburg and Wrangell.

Sail Southeast Alaska (the "Panhandle") and enjoy its abundant wildlife. Alaska is one of the few refuges left in North America for the brown (grizzly) bear. On Admiralty Island, it is calculated there is one brown bear for every square mile – almost as many bears as there are eagles. Humpback whales migrate north to feed on the herring and tiny krill that bloom when conditions are right. Each summer, several hundred whales gather to feed in these rich northern waters. When food is plentiful, the whales are active. We look forward to witnessing a variety of behavior that include communication and feeding methods including bubble-net feeding – which is a unique and fascinating learned behaviour. All Aboard!

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On all our voyages we intentionally keep our itineraries flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides, and the interests of the group.

Arrival day in Petersburg, AK

Plan to arrive at least one day prior to your trip departure and overnight at one of the several accommodation options located in Petersburg. Flights via Alaska Airlines land in Petersburg twice each day. Take advantage of the extra time to tour the town fondly known by the locals as "Little Norway".

Day 1: Trip Start

This adventure begins at the Petersburg Harbor Master's office where you will be greeted by a Bluewater Adventures crew member. You will be escorted along the docks to the Island Roamer.

As Petersburg has a long history of being a fishing town, the harbor has one of the most impressive fishing fleets in Alaska. Take note of the constant activity as boats go to and fro between the fish canneries and the fishing grounds. Upon boarding, there will be a brief boat and safety orientation, cabin assignments and then we depart from Petersburg and head north into Frederick Sound - keep a look out for whale blows!

Day 2 – 8

By day 2, we clear US Customs in Ketchikan, AK, allowing guests a bit of time to explore this charismatic coastal town before our search for marine and coastal wildlife begins.

Guided by our naturalist we will keep watch for wildlife, explore the shoreline for intertidal creatures and keep a daily record of the various species of birds, plants and animals we observe.

One of our first areas of exploration will be Frederick Sound which is the core feeding area for humpback whales in Southeast Alaska. We will spend at least 4 days in the Frederick Sound-Stephens Passage area observing humpback whales and other marine life these rich waters attract. We expect to see some spectacular whale behavior.

Admiralty Island National Monument has the highest concentration of brown bears and nesting bald eagles in North America. It is quite common to view bears along the beach from one of our beautiful evening anchorages. We will visit the world renowned, Anan Creek Wildlife Observatory located in Tongass National Park located near Wrangell where we may see both the American black bear and brown bear (grizzly) almost tolerate each other as they fish from the same spawning stream that sees the largest pink salmon run in all of Southeast Alaska.

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

The trip concludes with our arrival in Prince Rupert, BC. This trip will finish in the early afternoon, in time to catch the evening Air Canada flight to Vancouver. *Please remember to allow extra travel time to reach the Prince Rupert Airport on Digby Island. See more under "Travel Arrangements".*

If you have extra time in Prince Rupert consider visiting the Museum of Northern British Columbia located a few blocks from downtown. The historic North Pacific Cannery located about 20 minutes away by taxi has interesting displays on historic salmon fishing and canning operations. For information about Prince Rupert call 1-800-667-1994 or visit www.tourismprincerupert.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

- IMPORTANT -

*"Island Roamer" will be passing Canada Customs & Immigration inspection upon entry into Canada at Prince Rupert, BC. All passengers must carry proper identification and documentation necessary for international travel and for entry into Canada. Bluewater Adventures is required to provide Canada Customs & Immigration with a list of passengers and crew, in advance of our arrival in Prince Rupert. 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*

All international travellers arriving into Canada are now required to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) prior to their trip. Please visit WWW.CIC.GC.CA/ENGLISH/VISIT/ to apply for your authorization. Because Bluewater Adventures will be providing transportation across the border into Canada, we must ensure that you have

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Our designated Travel Agency is UNIGLOBE DIRECT TRAVEL LTD. If you need further accommodation or help with your airfare and insurance, please call Elaine at 604 538 2111 ext. 6614 or email elaine@uniglobedirect.com.

FLIGHTS

Alaska Airlines provides daily flights from Seattle Tacoma International Airport to Petersburg and all major communities in Southeast Alaska.

Air Canada provides daily flights between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, BC. Air Canada also provides service to Seattle as well as connections to other major 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 accessible only by ferry and shuttle bus between the airport and downtown (Prince Rupert Hotel). The shuttle service and airport ferry take about one hour and is included in your airline ticket price. Please allow plenty of time for airport transfer. Please note that the airport does not have any food services.

Call the Prince Rupert Airport or visit their website to confirm the shuttle bus schedule.

Prince Rupert Airport	(250) 622 2222	www.ypr.ca
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FERRIES

The **Alaska State Ferry** system services all of the larger communities in Southeast Alaska, Prince Rupert, BC and south to Bellingham, WA. One can travel as a foot passenger or pay an additional fee for a cabin.

Alaska State Ferry	1-800-642-0066	www.state.ak.us
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BC Ferries offers service from Prince Rupert, BC along the "Inside Passage" route to Port Hardy on Vancouver Island. The "Inside Passage" is very scenic but will add 2 days to your trip in each direction. Reservations are required for both vehicles and passengers.

**Be advised that adverse weather and sea conditions can often create delays and disrupt ferry schedules.*

BC Ferries	1-888-223-3779	www.bcferries.com
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LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Petersburg, AK

Public transit is not available in Petersburg. Most hotels do offer a shuttle services. Metro Cab (907) 772 2700 provides taxi service in Petersburg.

Prince Rupert, BC

Public Transit is available in Prince Rupert for more information visit www.transitbc.com/regions/prr/
Taxi's in Prince Rupert are abundant and easy to wave down.

ACCOMMODATION

Petersburg and Prince Rupert have a range of accommodations to serve the needs of visitors. The following selected accommodation contacts may be useful in helping to plan your trip around your Bluewater Adventure.

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

Petersburg, AK

Tides Inn	(907) 772 4288	www.tidesinnalaska.com tidesinn@alaskan.com	\$170-\$226
Nordic House B&B	(907) 772 3620	www.nordichouse.net/ nordichouse@live.com	\$97-\$215
Scandia House	(907) 772 4281 (800) 722 5006	www.scandiahousehotel.com info@scandiahousehotel.com	\$120-\$210

Prince Rupert

Eagle Bluff B&B	(250) 627 4955 (800) 833 1550	www.eaglebluff.ca eaglebed@citytel.net	\$115 single \$155 double
Pacific Inn	(250) 627 1711 (888) 663 1999	www.pacificinn.bc.ca info@pacificinn.bc.ca	\$109 single \$129 double
Prince Rupert Hotel	(250) 624 6711 (855) 737 8774	http://princeruperthotel.com rooms@princeruperthotel.com	\$114-\$139
Tall Trees B&B	(250) 624 3664 (877) 624 3664	www.talltreesbedbreakfast.com talltreesbedbreakfast@gmail.com	\$135-\$145
Crest Hotel	(250) 624 6771 (800) 663 8150	www.cresthotel.bc.ca info@cresthotel.bc.ca	\$175-\$349

TOURIST INFORMATION

For information on activities in Petersburg prior to your trip, visit www.petersburgak.org or call 907.772.4636 or 866.484.4700 (toll free).

For information on extending your stay in Prince Rupert visit Tourism Prince Rupert's website www.visitprincerupert.com or call (250) 624 5637, or Toll Free: 1 800 667 1994

General information on British Columbia's attractions, travel, restaurants, shopping, transportation and accommodation contact Destination British Columbia: 1 800 435 5622 or visit the Destination BC website at www.hellobc.com.