

# Alaska Glacier Bay Historic Ship Adventure Cruising

7 Days



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Sail Alaska's spellbinding wilderness aboard the M/V Sea Wolf and enjoy an unforgettable cruise in one of the world's few marine national parks. Paddle through the cool waters of Glacier Bay National Park, flanked by towering glaciers and mountain peaks, and watch magnificent humpback whales play at Icy Strait. Hike through flowerstrewn meadows and along rocky beaches for a chance to see sea lions, bears, and moose. At Puffin Island, marvel at hundreds of colorful sponges, periwinkles, and sea urchins anticipating the high tide. Explore icebergs or rub on a glacial mud mask. Come nightfall, dine on deck, then doze off while anchored at a pristine cove.

### Details

| Arrive:         | Gustavus, Alaska |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Depart:         | Gustavus, Alaska |
| Duration:       | 7 Days           |
| Group Size:     | Up to 12 Guests  |
| Minimum Age:    | 8 Years Old      |
| Activity Level: |                  |
|                 |                  |

## Testimonials

"The August 13-19 trip in the "Seawolf Explorer" with 10 passengers and a crew of five was something extraordinary. Cindy and I consider it among the best five trips in our long lives. We traveled approximately 250 miles, kayaking 2 hours, and hiking 2-3 hours every day. Among the wildlife we saw were Humpback whales, killer whales, sea lions, harbor seals, sea-otters, 19 bears, mountain goats, several bald eagles, puffins, and many sea birds. The total list of species that Jenny put on the board was over 100 including land and sea animals, insects, plants, and mushrooms. The views were spectacular, nature is very large at Glacier Bay.....I would recommend this trip to anybody who wants to see the best of southeast Alaska."

### Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### REASON #01

Learn in-depth natural history of America's premier marine wilderness from a captain and naturalist with 20+ years' experience on these waters.

ACTIVITIES

Cruising in Glacier Bay's

calm waters, sea kayaking,

easy hikes, and up-close

encounters with wildlife, all

paired with dazzling vistas.

#### REASON #02

Explore secluded coves, calving glaciers and immense wildlife of Glacier Bay National Park for a week, while large cruise ships only visit for one day.

### What to Expect

#### LODGING

The refurbished, historic M/V Sea Wolf ship offers a perfect platform for wildlife expeditions while providing comfort, intimacy, and breathtaking anchorage settings.

REASON #03

On this trip aboard M/V Sea

Wolf, passengers wake up to

new surroundings every day

without having to pack their bags.

#### CLIMATE

Enjoy mild summers, with almost daily light rain, chilly winds near glaciers, and breezy ocean sides. Daytime 55°F -70°F. Evenings 40°F - 50°F

### **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Naturalist Jenny Hahn has more than 30 years of wilderness travel under her boots and kayak hull—including kayaking solo from Ketchikan, Alaska, to Washington. Currently she is a professor at western Washington University's Fairhaven college, teaching courses on northwest wild food and the Salish Sea ecology. Jenny guided her first trip with the Sea Wolf in 2011--a wild foraging trip. In 2015 Jenny took a sabbatical as she received a grant to study seaweed toxicology in the Salish Sea. She is currently sharing her research results with tribes & first nations and divides her time between teaching, writing and guiding. Emma grew up on the coast of Connecticut and graduated from the University of southern Maine with a degree in geography and anthropology. She has been a guide and naturalist for 5 years in Maine, New Zealand, Hawaii, and of course, Alaska. She has spent most of her time kayaking the wild landscapes of resurrection bay and Kenai Fjords National Park, and is thrilled to explore the incredible coast of southeast Alaska. She loves to forage for useful and edible plants and fungi, is a budding bird nerd, and gets quite animated on the topic of geology.

#### **Emma Carey**

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#### Jenny Hahn

### Itinerary

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#### DAY 1 ARRIVE IN GUSTAVUS, ALASKA

Welcome to Gustavus, Alaska! An MT Sobek representative will take you over to the Annie Mae Lodge at the edge of Glacier Bay National Park. Explore the nearby sandy beach and beach-fringed meadows by foot or hop onto one of the bikes to cycle the town. This evening, enjoy a hearty welcome dinner at the lodge.

#### DAY 2 EMBARK AND ENTER GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

This morning, meet at Bartlett Cove Dock in Glacier Bay National Park and board the M/V Sea Wolf. En route to Geike Inlet, assemble in the main salon for introductions and a briefing on safety, amenities and itinerary. After a kayaking introduction and lunch, paddle the beautiful Geike fjord while looking out for black bears, wolverines, mountain goats, and seabirds. Board again for a few hours' cruise to the anchorage while marveling at acrobatic whales and wildlife on the shores. End the day with dinner as the sun sets over Glacier Bay.

Activity: 4 hours cruising & wildlife watching

Meals: L, D

#### DAY 3 DISCOVER UPPER GLACIER BAY

After breakfast, head off for an easy hike to Reid Glacier; learn about its geology, flora and fauna and get upclose views of this glacially carved landscape. Hunt for ice worms, seek out brown bears, wolverine, and harbor seals, and explore grounded icebergs. Scoop up glacial silt and apply for a facial! Enjoy lunch en route to Tarr Inlet, cascading point of the Grand Pacific and Marjorie Glaciers. Paddle along a sheer cliff - a Kittiwake and Puffin Rookery, then cruise through Russell Cut on the way to this evening's anchorage.

Activity: 4 hours cruising & wildlife watching; 1 hour/1 mile glacier hike Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 4 EXPLORE CENTRAL GLACIER BAY TO THE EAST ARM ENTRANCE

After an 8am breakfast, set off to Gloomy Knob to seek out mountain goats and other wildlife. Weather conditions permitting, take a morning botany hike up Gloomy Knob for striking bay views. In the afternoon, head off for a paddle at one of the anchorages, drawing closer to the East Arm entrance.

Activity: 4 hours cruising & wildlife watching; 1 hour/1 mile hike

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 5 HEAD TO MUIR INLET, THE EAST ARM OF GLACIER BAY

Enjoy breakfast as engines start and the voyage begins, to the East Arm of Glacier Bay. Activities depend on wilderness water opening/closing dates. Go on an amazing hike by McBride Glacier, with a paddle either up to Riggs Glacier, or from Muir Glacier to Riggs. Spot a variety of birds and, with luck, bears, wolves, or moose. Back on the boat, head out to this evening's anchorage and dinner. Options for this day include Dundas Bay, George Island and Idaho Inlet, based on weather, park closures and wildlife.

Activity: 4 hours cruising & wildlife watching; 1 hour/1 mile glacier hike

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 6 ADMIRE ABUNDANT WILDLIFE AT LOWER GLACIER BAY

After breakfast, have a morning paddle at North Sandy Cove (tides permitting), a rich ecosystem home to black bears, moose, coyotes, and abundant marine species. Kayak around the shores scanning for wildlife, then paddle to Puffin Island for a wondrous low-tide vertical zone, home to hundreds of sponges, periwinkles, whelks, sea stars, sea cucumbers, and urchins. Back on board, head to S. Marble Island to watch a stellar sea lion haul-out and a seabird nesting rookery from the vessel. Cruise onward to Fingers Bay, tonight's anchorage.

Activity: 4 hours cruising, 2 hours optional kayaking & wildlife watching

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 7 WATCH THE HUMPBACK WHALES OF ICY STRAIT

Savor the last breakfast aboard the Sea Wolf before heading to Point Adolphus, a world-famous area for watching magnificent humpback whales. Around 12:30pm, journey back to Bartlett Cove Dock in Glacier Bay National Park for a 2pm docking where we've arranged for transport to your lodging or to the airport for your flight home.

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Activity: 4 hours cruising & whale watching

Meals: B, L

### Dates

| May 13 - 19, 2023    | Jul 13 - 19, 2024    |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jul 1 - 7, 2023      | Jul 20 - 26, 2024    |
| May 11 - 17, 2024    | Jul 27 - Aug 2, 2024 |
| May 18 - 24, 2024    | Aug 3 - 9, 2024      |
| Jun 1 - 7, 2024      | Aug 10 - 16, 2024    |
| Jun 15 - 21, 2024    | Aug 17 - 23, 2024    |
| Jun 22 - 28, 2024    | Aug 24 - 30, 2024    |
| Jun 29 - Jul 5, 2024 |                      |

Jul 6 - 12, 2024

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### **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information

Private guided tours at historic sites, museums,

- wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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