

## Alaska Glaciers & Wildlife Multi-Adventure

## **Raw Nature from Glacier Bay National Park to Tongass National Forest**

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## Feel the difference

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## **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

## **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

### **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.











## Leading the Way

## **World-Class Local Guides**

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





## Why take this trip with us?

## **REASON 1**

MT Sobek has been a pioneer in Southeast Alaska adventure travel since 1972, always placing a strong emphasis on responsible travel practices that support local communities and protect the natural environment.

## **REASON 2**

This 7-day adventure is the most comprehensive of its kind - with many off-the-charts experiences in one itinerary, at a relaxed pace. Great for the short-on-time traveler who wants to see the best of Southeast Alaska.

## **REASON 3**

Follow expert Alaska guides as you experience this stunning region filled with glaciers, mountains, forests, and an abundance of wildlife.

## At A Glance

## **ACTIVITIES**

Educational boat rides and treks through glacial icescapes and rainforests, spotting humpback whales, bears, and other mesmerizing wildlife along the way.

## LODGING

Enjoy a comfortable stay at the only hotel within Glacier Bay and a stellar urban retreat in Alaska's capital.

## **CLIMATE**

Enjoy mild summers, with almost daily light rain, chilly winds near glaciers, and breezy ocean sides. Daytime 55-75°F. Evenings 40-55°F.







## **KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK**

#### Accommodations

The national park accommodations on this trip provide great access to the top activities in the area. However, they are simpler compared to what we usually consider comfortable lodging-the rooms being more basic. Some buildings date back to the early 1900s and have been minimally renovated to follow park regulations. Overall, the service might feel slower and meal quality and selection much more limited compared to other MT Sobek trips. Keep in mind that internet and cell phone service are very limited throughout the parks.



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Journey to Southeast Alaska's largest protected habitats, home to some of the world's most spectacular wildlife and nature. Explore Glacier Bay National Park, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its marine wildlife and stunning glaciers, and Tongass National Forest — the largest forest in the US! Sea kayak, watch 50-ton humpback whales breach, and look out for porpoises, sea lions, and seals. Fly in a small plane to Juneau, hike the Perseverance Trail, and enjoy an exciting helicopter tour and glacier hike on the Mendenhall Glacier!

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## 7 Days

Start: Gustavus, Alaska
End: Juneau, Alaska
Departing: July, August
Activities: Safari & Wildlife, Multi-Adventure, Family
Friendly, Family Adventure
Lodging: Comfortable Hotels
Group Size: 4-8 Guests
ACTIVITY:
Activity

Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

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- Ingrid S.

# The Itinerary



## **Arrive in Gustavus**

Arrive in Gustavus and take in its frontier spirit and small-town charm. In the late afternoon, meet your MT Sobek guide in the lobby for a welcome briefing before heading out on a short hike, or a visit to the Whale Exhibit. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your group at the lodge.

**MEALS:** Dinner



## **Discover Glacier Bay by Catamaran**

After an early breakfast, board a high-speed catamaran boat with a park ranger, who explains the geological wonders of the area. On this all-day tour, head to the farthest reaches of the dazzling Glacier Bay National Park, making stops for wildlife viewing along the way. Enjoy a hearty lunch aboard the catamaran, paired with magnificent Alaskan backdrops. Return to the lodge for a sumptuous dinner and an evening of relaxation.

MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch | Dinner ACTIVITY: 8-hour catamaran boat ride



## Explore Bartlett Cove by Kayak & On Foot

Delight in the beauty of Glacier Bay National Park via tandem kayaks and on foot today. The protected Bartlett Cove is the perfect place to spot bald eagles, sea lions, seals, black bears, and a variety of sea birds. Our kayak naturalist will share all of the hidden gems of the bay. Bartlett River trail is an out-and-back route that meanders along an intertidal lagoon and through the spruce and hemlock forest before ending at the Bartlett River estuary. Here you might experience a moose or river otter sighting before heading back to the lodge for dinner.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner **ACTIVITY:** 3 hours/4 miles hiking & 3.5 hour kayaking





### Venture to Point Adolphus by Boat

This morning, set out by boat to see the humpback whales at Point Adolphus, the best place in the North Pacific to observe this majestic endangered mammal. The protected north shore of Chichagof Island is a paradise for marine mammals, bears, and bald eagles, with special conditions in the ocean currents making it one of Alaska's best wildlife zones. Traveling by boat offers the flexibility to find where the wildlife is congregating and to observe them from the deck of a vessel. Return to the town of Gustavus for lunch and then take a flight to Juneau, the scenic capital of Alaska.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner **TRANSPORTATION:** 4-hour boat ride and 30-minute flight **ACTIVITY:** 4 hours wildlife viewing



#### **Hike Mendenhall Glacier via Helicopter**

Today, embark on a helicopter adventure to the Mendenhall Glacier for an unforgettable experience hiking through the ever-changing glacial icescape. Gear up after a safety briefing and take to the skies, enjoying expansive views of the enormous Juneau Icefield and Tongass National Forest during the flight. On the trek, you'll access remote and pristine areas of the glacier, peer into deep crevasses, and marvel at dazzling blue ice flows. Upon returning, explore culture-rich museums before enjoying dinner in Juneau on your own. MEALS: Breakfast |Lunch TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour helicopter touring ACTIVITY: 2 hours/2 miles glacier walking



## **Trek the Tongass National Forest**

Juneau is located in the largest national forest in the US, the Tongass, and boasts one of the most extensive networks of hiking trails in all of Alaska. Set out on a morning hike along the Perseverance Trail, which leads from downtown Juneau to a spectacular canyon and former rail line. The trail climbs above the Gold Creek Valley where there is an opportunity to see old mine shafts and Gold Creek. This afternoon, from charming downtown Juneau, hop aboard a tram operated by a Native American corporation and ride into the mountains. On the way up, experience the power and beauty of the temperate rainforest. Start the walk at the border of the trees and the alpine zone and soon enter fields of wildflowers, above the fjords, and close to the mountaintops. Enjoy a farewell dinner and spend one last night in Alaska's capital city.

MEALS: Breakfast Lunch Dinner

ACTIVITY: 5-6 hours/4-7 miles hiking (multiple trails - longest hike 4 miles)



#### **Bid Farewell to Alaska**

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure. Your guide will secure transportation to Juneau Airport for the departing flight of your choice.

**MEALS:** Breakfast



## Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

### **Glacier Bay Lodge**

Nestled under the spruce trees lining Bartlett Cove, Glacier Bay Lodge is the only hotel within Glacier Bay National Park. Guests delight in striking sunset views of the Fairweather Mountain range and relax in the warmth of the lobby's massive stone fireplace. The cozy rooms all come with en-suite bathrooms.

#### **Four Points by Sheraton Juneau**

Located in downtown Juneau, the seven-story Four Points by Sheraton couples excellent access to the city and Alaska's pristine wilderness. The hotel features 106 handsomely updated rooms, all including Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and in-room coffeemakers. South-facing rooms offer prime vistas of Juneau's waterfront, while rooms facing north look onto the city and the mountains.

## **Departure Dates**

This trip is available to run in: July, August

## Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

July 14-20, 2024 July 21-27, 2024 July 28-August 3, 2024 August 11-17, 2024 July 13-19, 2025 July 20-26, 2025 August 3-9, 2025 August 10-16, 2025

## What's Included

### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All 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
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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