



Exploring Alaska's Coastal Wilderness 2008

Aboard the *National Geographic Sea Lion*
& *National Geographic Sea Bird*

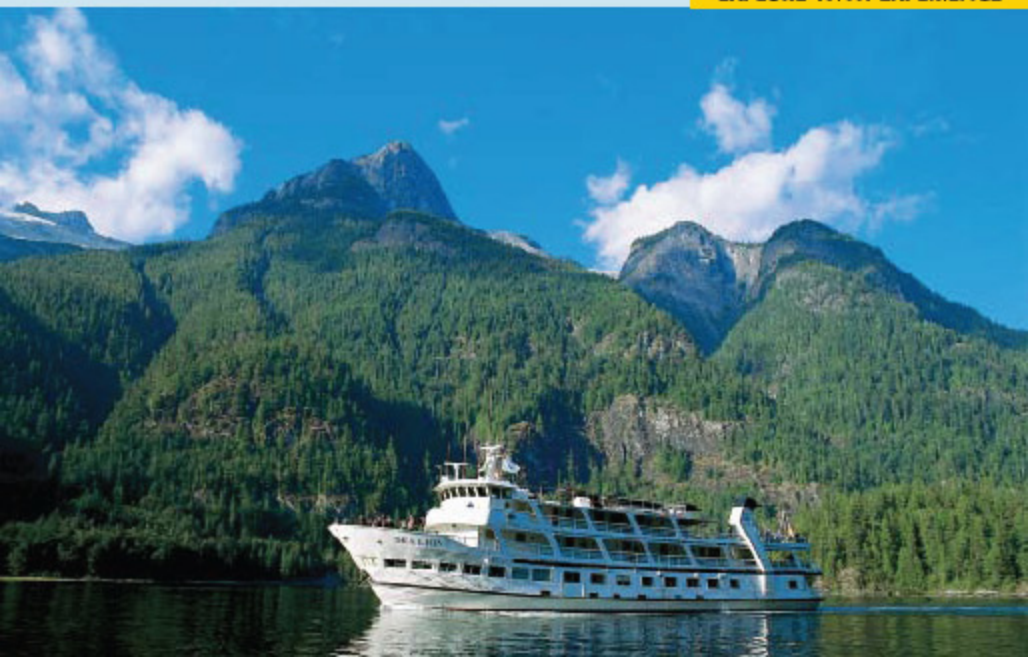


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Dear Traveler,

Alaska is America's greatest wilderness – a place about which the word *untrammeled* can still be used. Because of its status in the American mind and its proximity, a record number of visitors will flock there this summer. And most of those people will be filling the sidewalks and shops of towns up and down the coast. Many will see Alaska from the rails of the big white ships that jostle each other for viewing space at predictable sightseeing spots before heading off to the next town for more shopping – all at a distance required by their deep draft.

Where will we be when this is going on? As you can see from the accompanying photos, we're different than the typical ships that ply Alaskan waters. And we'll be going different places – where only our nimble 62-guest expedition ships can. And finding the real Alaska there, complete with its calm waters, nurturing silences and soul-stirring beauty.

Very few of the people visiting Alaska this summer will experience the diversity that our guests will. Accompanied by our team of expert Naturalists, we'll roam the coast by ship, Zodiac and kayak, drawing so close to tidewater glaciers that we'll feel the bass of each thunderous calving. We'll slip into sheltered coves where brown bears often come to forage. Hike through moss-carpeted forests alongside the fevered upstream rush of spawning salmon and, of course, we'll continually search for humpback whales. And experience nature at eye-level and with all our senses.

The *National Geographic Sea Lion* and *National Geographic Sea Bird* have room for just 62 guests. I hope you will join us – we look forward to sharing the Alaska we know intimately with you.

Sincerely,



Sven-Olof Lindblad



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Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.



Experience Alaska with Our Expert Team

We want to give you the time and the tools to experience the beauty and wildness of Alaska up close. Our underwater bow camera and hydrophone aid us in discovering the world beneath us. Our kayaks enable you to make your own intimate discoveries at "elbow height." You'll also travel with and learn from a team of Naturalists – geologists, marine biologists and botanists – who are among the best in their field, and are distinguished by their deep respect for the environment. To find out who the Naturalists are on your voyage of choice, please visit www.expeditions.com for the roster and bios.



Wellness with nature in mind.

After a morning of kayaking or a lazy day on deck, experience the escape of massage and other wellness treatments.

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➤ ITINERARY – 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Where can you wake to the cry of a soaring bald eagle, watch tons of ice thunder from the face of a glacier, walk amid towering spruce and hemlocks and observe lunge feeding humpback whales? In Southeast Alaska — a land of fjords and islands teeming with wildlife. Since 1982, we have been exploring the Inside Passage. Our insider view allows you to kayak among icebergs, listen to humpback whale “songs” through our hydrophone, learn about Alaska’s Native American heritage and spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park.



Day 1: Juneau, Alaska/Embark

Fly from Seattle to Juneau to visit the imposing Mendenhall Glacier and the Alaska State Museum, an excellent introduction to Alaska’s natural history and cultures. Explore Juneau on your own. (D)

Day 2: Tracy Arm

Enter Tracy Arm, a 22-mile-long fjord with many waterfalls cascading from its high glacially-carved walls. Meander among the icebergs, looking for black bears feeding along the shoreline and mountain goats scaling the steep granite cliffs. See the stunning Sawyer and South Sawyer glaciers. Zodiac for an eye-level view of sculpted icebergs. (B,L,D)



Day 3: Petersburg

Humpback whales blowing their spouts are often spotted as we head toward Le Conte Bay, a virtual sculpture garden of grounded icebergs. Today we reach the small town of Petersburg on Mitkof Island for an insight into the character of a true Alaskan town: isolated yet connected by the spirit of community. There is an opportunity for optional flightseeing — a new perspective on the landscape we’ve approached by water. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait

These waters are prime for sighting whales — it’s not uncommon to see groups of up to 30 humpback or killer whales. With luck we’ll get to observe some fascinating behavior, such as breaching, tail-slapping and variations on feeding. Look for Steller’s sea lions hauled out and dozing on the rocky islands. Later, there will be time to hike or kayak for up close exploration. (B,L,D)



Day 5: Glacier Bay National Park

In Glacier Bay enormous glaciers flow from ice fields far above. Some end abruptly at the water’s edge, and create an opportunity to see and hear them calving as tons of ice crash into the sea. Look for gravity-defying humpback and orca whales. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Point Adolphus/Inian Pass

Hike, kayak and search for whales near Point Adolphus, consistently one of the favored summer feeding areas for humpback whales. Then cruise to Inian Pass, where playful sea otters reside. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Alaska’s Islands, Bays and Fjords

Hike or cruise island coastlines in an area with the world’s highest density of nesting bald eagles. In the spring and early summer the landscape is often colored by wildflowers — shooting stars, chocolate lily, nagoonberry and wild iris, to name a few. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Sitka/Disembark/Seattle

In Sitka, visit onion-domed St. Michael’s Russian Orthodox Cathedral, discover the grand totems that line the trail through Sitka National Historic Park and explore the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. Fly to Seattle. (B)



Note: Lindblad Expeditions is authorized to operate in the Tongass National Forest under a Forest Service special use permit, enabling us to take you hiking and kayaking in wild and remote areas of Southeast Alaska that are otherwise off limits.

JOIN US IN MAY: When people think about travel to Alaska they often forget how wonderful it is to be there in May. Spring is beginning the days are long the whales are back and flowers are in bloom. Ask any of our Naturalists – it’s a great time to be there – join us!

**Aboard the 62-Guest
National Geographic Sea Bird/
National Geographic Sea Lion**

2008 Departure Dates:

May 10, 11, 17*, 18*, 24, 25, 31*;
Jun. 1*, 7, 8, 14*, 15*, 21, 28*, 29*;
Jul. 5, 6, 12*, 13*, 19, 20, 26*, 27*;
Aug. 2, 9*, 16, 17, 23*, 24*, 30, 31

Departures in green feature \$500 off the rates listed below plus complimentary round-trip air between Seattle and Alaska.

Departures in blue feature complimentary roundtrip air between Seattle and Alaska.

*These departures travel from Sitka to Juneau but make all the same stops.

**Daily Expedition Report
National Geographic Sea Lion
in Alaska June 20, 2007**



In Tenakee Arm, we spotted a fireworks display of spouts. A group of twelve humpback whales were working together to herd herring in a method unique to Southeast Alaska: cooperative feeding. We dropped a hydrophone once we were close enough and had come to be able to better predict the whales’ patterns. The additional dimension of sound made an exponential difference in our understanding of what was going on. All listening were able to read the calling whale’s cry: here, here, HERE!! On the final, rising crescendo, the mass of animals burst through the water’s surface, spray flying, baleen exposed, rorqual pleats fully extended. No matter how many times you read about or watch documentaries about such behavior, there’s something about seeing it unedited that is beyond description. It’s the smell and sound and unpredictability of wildness. There’s nothing like it.

– Liz Bradfield, Naturalist

Optional Extension: Denali National Park

➤ ITINERARY – 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

Take this optional extension before or after most “Exploring Alaska’s Coastal Wilderness.” Please call for departure dates. Limited to 18 guests.

Denali National Park is crowned by Mt. McKinley, the continent’s highest peak at 20,320 feet. By staying at North Face Lodge, the Park’s most exclusive property, we are able to travel and stay deep within the Park. And with space for only eighteen guests, you will be part of a very intimate experience.

Winding through the remote Alaska Range offers opportunities to see Denali’s wildlife: grizzlies, caribou, and moose. Visit the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum and ride on the Alaska Railroad.

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska Fly from Juneau to Fairbanks. Arrive and transfer to your hotel to meet your leader and traveling companions. (D)

Day 2: Fairbanks/Denali National Park/North Face Lodge Visit the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum featuring collections from over 11,000 years of cultural traditions. Drive to the entrance of Denali National Park to meet the North Face Lodge guides for the six-hour, 89-mile journey into the heart of the Park. (B,L,D)

Days 3, 4 and 5: Denali National Park/North Face Lodge North Face Lodge, a small country-style inn provides well-appointed rooms and delicious meals. Activities include wildlife observation, hikes, canoeing, fishing and biking. Nightly programs highlight natural and cultural history. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Denali National Park/Anchorage Take a wildlife drive to the Alaska Railroad for the trip to Anchorage. Overnight at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Anchorage/Sitka or Juneau/Home Fly to either Sitka or Juneau to begin your Alaska voyage, or transfer to the airport for connecting flights home. (B)

COST PER PERSON: Double Occupancy: \$4,390 Sole Occupancy: \$6,580
Subject to change.

Cost Includes: All accommodations; meals indicated; guided activities; luggage handling and transfers from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

Not Included: Air transportation to Fairbanks and from Anchorage; personal items; gratuities to guides.

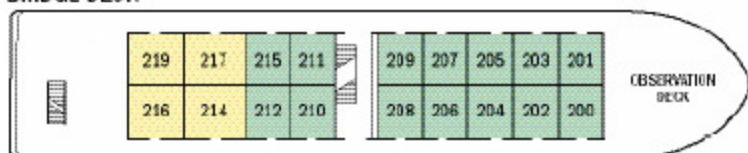




National Geographic Sea Lion/National Geographic Sea Bird Deck Plan



BRIDGE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

Costs are Per Person Double Occupancy unless otherwise noted.

Category 1: Main Deck (#300-305)	\$4,990
Sole Occupancy	\$7,480

Conveniently positioned between the dining room & lounge, these cabins feature two single lower beds, a writing desk and a large view window.

Category 2: Upper Deck (#200-212, 215)	
Bridge Deck (#100-104)	\$5,740
Sole Occupancy: All of the above	\$8,610

These well-located cabins include two lower single beds & a view window.

Category 3: Upper Deck (#214, 216, 217, 219)	
Bridge Deck (#105, 106)	\$6,590

These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person. Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.

Note: Sole Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

Shares: If you wish to share accommodations, we will be glad to make arrangements at the double occupancy rate in Category 1 and 2 only.

The National Geographic Sea Lion, built in 1982, and *National Geographic Sea Bird*, built in 1981, and refurbished in 2005, are of U.S. registry and comply fully with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Gross Tonnage: 99; Overall Length: 152 feet; Draft: 8 feet; Cruising Speed: 12 knots.



Terms and Conditions

BRINGING THE KIDS: Take \$500 off the double occupancy rate for each person under 18. All departures include staff who are specially trained and skilled in organizing activities for inspiring curiosity in young people of all ages.

Costs Include: Accommodations aboard ship, meals indicated, all shore excursions and sightseeing, use of kayaks, entrance fees, group transfers as indicated in itinerary, tips (except to ship's crew), taxes and service charges, services of Lindblad Expeditions' natural history staff.

Not Included: Airfare, optional extension, flight seeing, individual transfers, baggage/accident/travel protection plan, items of a personal nature. Gratuities to ship's crew at your discretion.

Note: A complete packet of pre-departure information, including recommended reading list and suggestions on what to bring, will be sent to you after your reservation is confirmed.

Reservations: To confirm your place, an advance payment of US \$500 per person is payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

Airfare: Airfare is an additional cost unless otherwise indicated. Lindblad Expeditions will charge a \$50 per person service fee if we handle your air arrangements.

Final Payment: Due 60 days prior to departure.

Travel Protection Plan: A Travel Protection Plan is available at extra cost. Upon receiving your reservation, we will send you information on this policy. This comprehensive guest protection plan covers trip cancellation for medical reasons; trip delay; medical expenses; accidental death; lost baggage; and medical evacuation.

Smoking Policy: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

Responsibility: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and the National Geographic Society's liability for loss of property, injury, illness or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure, and are also available on our website at www.expeditions.com/terms, or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

Note: Itinerary and prices are subject to change. The company reserves the right to impose surcharges based on increases in the company's actual cost of fuel.

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Number of Days Prior to Expedition Start	Per Person Cancellation Fee
90 or more days	\$150
89-60 days	Deposit
59-30 days	50% of trip cost
29-0 days	No refund

**This policy applies to expeditions and extensions. We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.*

**Land cancellation policies might vary slightly; please call for details.*

For reservations, contact your travel agent or call Lindblad Expeditions at

1-800-EXPEDITION
(1-800-397-3348)

Reservation hours are:
Monday through Friday, 9am–8pm,
Saturday, Sunday 10am–5pm (ET).

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