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UnCruise Adventures – *Safari Endeavour*

ALASKA'S GLACIERS & WHALES – CRUISE FROM JUNEAU TO SITKA (OR VICE VERSA)

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Enjoy whale-watching in the Frederick Sound and look out for eagles, arctic terns, sea otters, harbour seals and sea lions. This cruise is THE glacier adventure with LeConte, Baird, Sawyer and South Sawyer all visited.

Polished, unwavering and upscale, the *Safari Endeavour* looks sharp – a nod to the crew who work hard to keep her that way. Her roomy lounge, dining room and sun deck are undisputed. Wood fixtures and accents shine and artwork highlights the warm and cool waters where she sails. No other UnCruise ship covers more territory, and like her namesake, Captain Cook's *Endeavour*, both the ship and crew are true explorers.

Always reliable, the captain and crew take great pride in their ship and the teamwork that keeps her running smoothly. Ready for adventure at a moment's notice, the *Safari Endeavour* is fully loaded with adventure equipment: kayaks; paddle boards; inflatable skiffs; hiking poles; snorkel gear and wetsuits; plus a hydrophone for listening to below-surface sounds and a bow-mounted underwater camera. For relaxation, the vessel comes equipped with two hot tubs, fitness equipment, yoga mats and a massage suite.

Depending on the category, singles, doubles or triples can be accommodated. Common to all cabins are: flat-screen TV/DVD; iPod docking station; air-conditioning; desk and chair; private bath with shower; generous storage and closet space.

Key Facts

- * 8 Days / 7 Nights
- * 2020 Departure Dates: Various dates are available between May & August
- * Upgrades Available



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DAY 1

Juneau – Embarkation

Welcome to Alaska's capital, where your home on the water awaits. Come aboard, meet your crew and unpack your adventurous spirit. Your course is set for glaciers, and the Tongass – the largest national forest in the USA.

DAY 2

Tracy Arm / Stephens Passage

Wake in a fjord flanked by sheer granite walls. Grab a hot drink and take it all in from the bow: cascading waterfalls; drifting icebergs; a lazy harbour seal or two. Layer up with gloves and a warm hat, and hop in a skiff for a better look at the glacier – the temperature drops the closer you get. Your expedition guide will point out signs of the ice ages that carved this landscape. The geology is fascinating and so is the wildlife. Keep an eye out for mountain goats, bears, and eagles. Make waves for Stephens Passage. It's all hands on deck watching for signs of humpbacks. It's a big first day!

DAY 3

Thomas Bay / Baird Glacier

Have your Wellington boots handy. You're in for muskeg and mud in Alaska's backcountry. Hiking along Baird's moraine, look for shimmers of gold and quartz – this area is known for it. The glacial outwash plains look almost lunar, but you're not alone in this moonscape. The glacial valley is a nesting hot-spot for arctic terns. Splash away the mud before a paddle along the bay's mossy cliff walls. Back onboard, it's time for a cocktail and a soak in the hot tub.



DAY 4

LeConte Glacier / Ideal Cove

LeConte is the southernmost tidewater glacier in North America. If tides are low, take a boot-sucking walk to check out icebergs resting on the mudflats. If it's high tide, a skiff ride brings you up-close to its iceberg gardens. Surrounded by national forest, Ideal Cove's boardwalk trails wind through meadows of ferns and grasses. Or test your balance paddle-boarding in this quiet cove. It's just you and the vast wilderness.

DAY 5

Kake / Frederick Sound

'Kake' comes from a Tlingit word meaning 'opening of daylight'. Apropos, start your day in this native village with traditional storytelling and dancing. Count the many totems on their 132-foot pole. Drop the kayaks in Saginaw Bay or some other hidden cove along the Keku Islands. Black bears are common sights along the shore. But so are eagles in the treetops and orange-billed surf scoters paddling nearby. For hikers, your guides have a route in mind. Make for the forest, far off the map. Cruising Frederick Sound, chances are high that you'll see humpbacks. The up-welling of nutrients in the water make it an irresistible feeding ground.



DAY 6

Baranof Island / Peril Strait

Leave it to the captain to steer you through Chatham and Peril Straits. At Baranof Island, your top-notch expedition team will help you to explore some of the most untouched wilderness in the Tongass. Head to the woods for an adventuresome bushwhack. Or slide into a kayak for an easygoing shoreline paddle. Find a perch on deck in Peril Strait – it's a twisting drama of currents and history.

DAY 7

Sergius Narrows / Neva Strait

There aren't many straight lines along Baranof Island. Its western side is dotted with hundreds of coves and uninhabited islands. This is a prime area for spotting sea otters. It's no surprise to round a corner in your kayak and find one looking at you and you looking at him. The protected beaches are made for exploring the intertidal zones, and spotting bears. So, boot up for a guided hike. End your day with celebration and a toast at a heartfelt Farewell Dinner. Your expedition team treats you to a photo recap of the week's adventures.

DAY 8

Sitka - Disembark

Enjoy a last breakfast with new friends, then disembark in Sitka for your transfer to the airport or to your UnCruise hotel stay or land tour.



What's Included?

- * 7 nights in your chosen cabin category aboard the *Safari Endeavour*
- * All port taxes & charges
- * All meals while onboard the ship
- * All activities
- * National Park Fees

2020 Departure Dates

JUNEAU TO SITKA

- * May 24th
- * June 7th & 21st
- * July 5th & 19th
- * August 2nd

SITKA TO JUNEAU

- * May 31st
- * June 14th & 28th
- * July 12th & 26th
- * August 9th

All details and inclusions are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice.



Travelling in the USA

As you will be travelling in the USA you will need to obtain an ESTA.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have this before you travel. Please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> for more information.

Effective April 1st, 2016, all Visa Waiver Program (VWP) passengers travelling to the United States are required to have an electronic passport (e-chip) or risk being denied entry upon arrival into the United States.

Please Note

Due to the nature of the explorations, itineraries are guidelines may change in order to maximise wildlife and natural encounters. Variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur.

The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

