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Alaska Prince William Sound Explorer with Flights

Duration: 10 days

Departs: Select dates in 2024

Stay: 2 nights in hotel, 7 nights on cruise ship

Travel style: Independent cruise & flights from Australia

Booking code: AKPWS10M

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10 days Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise in Alaska

About the holiday

This exciting Alaska cruise is a luxurious yacht experience and opportunity to sail Prince William Sound on the only itinerary of its kind in the region!

Board in Whittier, Alaska, then get set to kayak, hike, and skiff past centuries-old glaciers. Puffins, eagles, otter, and sea lions wait around every cove, with plenty of sightseeing along the way.

Safari Explorer is designed for upscale comfort in the pursuit of adventure. This highend SUV of a yacht is nimble, strong, and loving. The ship has what mariners call "feet" that take her into wild areas big ships can't visit. Her performance-built rugged construction means access to faraway regions. But it's what's on the inside that makes this vessel the prize of the fleet. And with only 36 guests on board, the feel is decidedly exclusive.

Why we love this cruise...

- See dozens of glaciers including Chenega, Columbia, Meares, and Sheridan
- Island discoveries: Knight, Montague
- Visit the tiny fishing town of Cordova
- Explore College and Harriman glacial fjords
- Beachcomb rocky shorelines and hike beneath a glacier
- Navigate along the least visited shores in coastal Alaska
- Search for wildlife whales, orcas, eagles, puffins, sea otters, seals and sea lions
- Kayak, paddle board, and skiff in hidden coves and narrow fjords

Travel dates

2024 - Departs Australia on select dates from May to August

Note: Departures are subject to availability and prices will vary depending on travel dates. View our website and contact us for the latest details.



Holiday includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares from Australia to Anchorage Including all prepayable airport departure taxes

Transfers - return shuttle transfers from Anchorage hotel to Whittier port

Hotel - 2 nights Arctic Fox Resort Anchorage, standard room

Cruise - 7 nights Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise, roundtrip from Whittier Navigator or Trailblazer cabin All meals on board the ship Unlimited soda, juices and lemonade, as well as alcoholic beverages Wildlife specialists, naturalist and cruise guides on board

Package excludes:

Visa/ESTA fees for USA
Health tests, if required at time of international travel
Airport transfers
Meals, except for those on the ship
Optional shore excursions, sightseeing & activities
Cruise gratuities
Other personal items, such as drinks, shopping, laundry, WiFi etc.
Travel insurance, including cruise cover, is essential
Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels, cruise line & local operators.

Booking conditions& cancellation fees apply.

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Itinerary

Day 1 - Fly to USA, Arrive Anchorage

Fly into Anchorage, Alaska and make your way to the hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore this fascinating frontier city. Located in the south-central part of the state on the Cook Inlet, Anchorage is known for its cultural sites, including the Alaska Native Heritage Centre, which displays traditional crafts, stages dances, and presents replicas of dwellings from the area's indigenous groups.

Day 2 - Anchorage to Whittier Embarkation

Today, your transfer will meet you in Anchorage, whisk away your luggage, and drive you and your fellow adventurers through the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel - at 2.5 miles, the longest highway tunnel in North America - to Whittier, the gateway to Prince William Sound. Meet your crew and tour Safari Explorer, UnCruise's flagship vessel and your home for the week. After champagne and a safety demonstration, enjoy your first of many farm-to-table gourmet meals! Adventure here we come (D)

Day 3 - Icy Bay Glaciers

Wake up in the glacial waterways of Icy Bay. Flowing down from the 4,000-foot surrounding peaks, Chenega, Tigertail, and Tiger glaciers are all options this morning. Hop in a skiff, and if conditions are right, kayak in a remote cove tucked into the shoreline. Your expedition team shares how glaciers sculpt and alter the landscape on a daily basis. Feel the essence of this land of the Chenega people, meaning "beneath the mountain," as you weave through these deserted islands by kayak, skiff, and yacht. (BLD)

Day 4 - Captain's Choice

Tuck into the southern reaches of Prince William Sound, exploring its sculpted islands. Some call it "gunkholing"—nosing around the next cove—and there's plenty to see. Search for whales, seals, sea lions, and seabirds from the bow or opt to kayak or beachcomb for a closer look at island life with natural and cultural history notes from your guides. (BLD)

Day 5 - Cordova

Accompanied by guides, head out for a hike below Sheridan Glacier this morning with an afternoon on your own to explore Cordova. Or, join your shipmates on a walking tour of this tiny fishing town at the mouth of the Copper River. With a population of 2,300 and no roads connecting to other towns, Cordova is only accessible by air or water. Take in the town's Native history by nature walk, hard charger hike, an Eyak Tribe cultural program, or Prince William Sound Science Center exploration before settling back on board for a quiet overnight anchorage. (BLD)

Day 6 - Columbia Glacier & Valdez

Options aplenty this morning. Hike, kayak, skiff, or try your hand at stand-up paddle boarding in a quiet cove before a hearty lunch back onboard. Next up: towering icebergs born from the approaching Columbia Glacier. Winding its way 32 miles back through Chugach Mountains and with constantly changing conditions, your captain finds the best route to view this massive glacier. (BLD)

Day 7 - Unakwik Inlet & Meares Glacier

Arctic terns and bald eagles, harbor seals resting on icebergs, and the massive Meares Glacier as your backdrop, Unakwik Inlet is the perfect place to dip your paddle in the water for a kayak. Or, join a skiff tour to get farther faster in glacier country. This is wilderness at its wildest. Feel the mountains closing in as you cruise through Esther Passage. View a fish hatchery and learn about Alaska's salmon species. Tonight, join your expedition leader for an interpretive presentation before a relaxing soak in the hot tub under the fading sun. (BLD)

Day 8 - College Fjord & Barry Arm

Day of the grand finales. Big mountains, big ice, and big smiles as we wind down our adventure in the company of all that is quintessentially Alaska. Sea otters float on their backs on beds of kelp. Watch them lounge before diving and rising with puffins in search of food. Take it all in from a kayak or skiff before capping off your week with a celebratory Farewell Dinner and slideshow. (BLD)

Day 9 - Whittier Disembarkation, Transfer to Anchorage

One last breakfast with new friends before your coach transfer from Whittier along Turnagain Arm on your way back to Anchorage. Enjoy another night in Anchorage to explore the frontier city. (B)

Day 10 - Depart Anchorage, Fly to Australia

Check out of the hotel this morning, then make your own way to the airport in time to catch your return flights to Australia.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, sea conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Have any questions or would you like to see more of America? Please call 1300 168 910 or email hello@mytravelxp.com

About Safari Explorer

Lovingly called "the Bulldog," she's poised, her interior is a pearl, and the general mood is down-to-earth. In the summer, she follows the Humpbacks north to Alaska, navigating the inside passage and taking in The Great Land. A protective spirit is infused in every part of the ship, and within the crew. She's made for adventures after all and with them comes inevitable fun and folly.

Onboard Features: Full-beam swim step; kayaks, paddleboards, inflatable skiffs, hiking poles, snorkel gear; on-deck hot tub (Alaska cruises only); fitness equipment and yoga mats; DVD and book library; wine library.

Three decks accessible to guests are designed for your comfort and sense of adventure. The Bridge Deck offers the rooftop sun lounge, exercise equipment, hot tub (open during Alaska cruises only), open bridge, and the Commodore Suites. The cabin deck houses guests in the Navigator and Trailblazer categories, as well as the Jr Commodore and one Admiral cabin. The main deck holds the larger Admiral suites as well as the luxurious common areas.

The Dining Room features open seating meals served at table at set times. Unlimited soda, juices and lemonade as well as alcoholic beverages are included in the price of the cruise. Vegetarian options are always available, and dietary restrictions are happily accommodated if noted in advance. The Main deck also houses the Salon, Bar, and Wine

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