

Day by Day Description

7 Night/8 Day Round Trip Juneau Alaska's Inside Passage

Spirit of Yorktown & Spirit of Endeavour

2010 Tour #9A

Day One: Embark Juneau – Spend the day enjoying Alaska's capital city, inaccessible by road. Transfer to your ship to begin your cruising adventure. **D**

Day Two: Frederick Sound & Tracy Arm – Humpback Whales abound in Frederick Sound. Cruise under Tracy Arm's sheer 1,500-foot vertical cliffs toward the twin Sawyer Glaciers. **BLD**

Day Three: Wrangell & Petersburg – Today visit the Alaskan community of Wrangell, located at the Northern tip of Wrangell Island, here you will tour their local museum and see a collection of Wrangell's early history. Later, receive a warm welcome at the Norwegian-heritage fishing village of Petersburg, inaccessible to large cruise ships. In Petersburg enjoy the Leikarring Dancers perform in the Sons of Norway Hall. **BLD**

Day Four: Wilderness Cruising – Discover the joys of wilderness exploration. Your Captain and Exploration Leaders know these waters intimately – and weather permitting you'll use inflatable craft for closer review of these remote shores. **BLD**

Day Five: Sitka – Only small ships can negotiate Peril Strait and Sergius Narrows, the "inside" route of Sitka on Baranof Island. A walk through Sitka's National Historic Park reveals towering totems watching over the temperate rainforest. Keep an eye out for playful otters, Sitka black-tailed deer and bald eagles. **BLD**

Day Six: Icy Strait – Watch for gentle humpbacks as they feast on small fish and tiny krill churned by upwelling currents from the Pacific Ocean. Watch for behaviors such as spouting, sounding, breaching, flipper-slapping and lunge feeding. You may see rare bubble feeding if you're very lucky.

The Coves and inlets of Icy Strait offer enticing opportunities to get out and explore by inflatable craft. Be sure to keep a watchful eye for Steller's sea lions, orcas, harbor seals and porpoise. **BLD**

Day Seven: Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve – Declared by many to be the most extraordinary and untouched place in the world, Glacier Bay was first established as a National Monument in 1925 and has since enjoyed the highly protected status of National Park, Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site. Glacier Bay National Park shows you the earth in transition. The glaciers here are receding rapidly, leaving their wake scoured cliffs and deep fjords.

Glide past massive glaciers of all varieties (hanging, tidewater, and valley) and soak up the expert guidance of a National Park Service Ranger and the Native Cultural Interpreter who will board the ship for your visit. **BLD**

Day Eight: Juneau – Disembark in Juneau this morning, and transfer to the airport for your flight home. **B**

Unique Selling Features:

-**Whales Guaranteed!** Yes, we guarantee whales on this Alaska's Inside Passage trip. We will refund \$250 of your cruise price if we don't see whales (and we have never had to make good on our guarantee before – our knowledgeable crew knows where the action is).

-Cruise West has more permits into Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve than any other cruise line. Spend a full day in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve.

-Visit Tongass National Forest

-Inflatable excursion craft get you up-close

-Onboard Exploration Leaders, Park Rangers and Native Cultural Interpreters provide educational enrichment

- All onboard gratuities and services are included
- Included shore activity in every port (shore activity is pre-set by Cruise West, cultural experience or city tour for example)
- More intimate experience – only 138 guests at maximum
- Binoculars and umbrellas available in every cabin for guest use
- Fine cuisine onboard and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages included in fare
- Ability to visit remote islands and ports the big ship
- Airport transfers and baggage handling provided on embarkation and disembarkation day
- Additional Shore Excursions, Hotel Pre and Post add-ons, Interior Alaska Land Tours, Air, Travel Insurance all available for purchase through Cruise West

Tips to our Travel Partners:

“Would you Like Land With That?” – Many travelers plan on visiting Alaska just once in a lifetime. A trip to Alaska wouldn't be complete without a visit to Denali National Park & Preserve. Denali is not only home to Mt. McKinley, whose 20,320-foot peak is the tallest in North America, but it encompasses a 6-million-acre subarctic ecosystem of extraordinary beauty and astonishing wildlife. Grizzly bears, caribou, moose and Dall's sheep are just a few of the species that call Denali their home. Cruise West offers fully guided land tours into the heart of Denali National Park offering a seamless all inclusive Alaska experience. (Land tours are available as a pre-cruise add on to the above cruise)

Juneau Hotel – This seven-night trip begins and ends in Juneau Alaska. We recommend you add a pre or post night hotel in Juneau if you are not doing our Denali Land Tour extension as Juneau has so much to offer. Pre-nights are especially nice as it gives time to adjust to the time change/Jet leg before beginning their Alaska experience.