



This is our Sample Itinerary for trips going Sitka to Juneau. If your trip begins in Juneau instead of Sitka, simply reverse the itinerary.

Each trip is unique – different wildlife sightings, new people and a personalized experience – all set upon the backdrop of Southeast Alaska. What will your experience be like?

We are not a dedicated fishing cruise. We offer other activities such as kayaking and hiking.

SATURDAY – Day One

Sitka is a remote fishing community located southwest of Juneau on Baranof Island, easily reached by scheduled commercial jet service. Arrive on one of several flights per day and check into the Sitka Westmark Hotel. Spend the afternoon exploring the quaint town. Your hotel is included in your charter.



SUNDAY – Day Two



At 2:00 pm, you are met by vessel crew members in the hotel lobby and escorted to the ship for a safety orientation and departure. Bald eagles and Steller sea lions are regularly seen in the vicinity of Sitka Harbor as the ship heads north

to the first night's anchorage in scenic Sukoi Inlet on Kruzof Island.

Here we'll settle down to an exquisite gourmet dinner and, as evening falls, gather with friends in the ship's comfortable salon or stroll the decks breathing in the beauty and serenity of Southeast Alaska. Take a few minutes tonight to get a fishing license from your crew. Fishing licenses are included in your charter.



MONDAY – Day Three

Not far from the night's anchorage is a popular saltwater sportfishing area, Salisbury Sound, where an all-morning salmon trolling trip aboard a skiff will interest the angling

enthusiast. Crew members can custom process your catch and advise you on the best way to ship your fish home. Alternatively, the ship's Chef is happy to prepare your catch for dinner and share recipes. If fishing doesn't interest you, join in a skiff tour along the rocky shoreline to spot sea otters.



By lunchtime, we'll return to the ship, haul anchor and head through the swirly waters of Sergius Narrows into placid Hoonah Sound. We cruise until dinnertime when we anchor in another scenic harbor Saook Bay.

Tuesday – Day Four

Get up early to join a few other early risers in a quiet kayak paddle around the anchorage. Or perhaps head off in a skiff with a crew member to haul the Dungeness crab pots we set the night before.

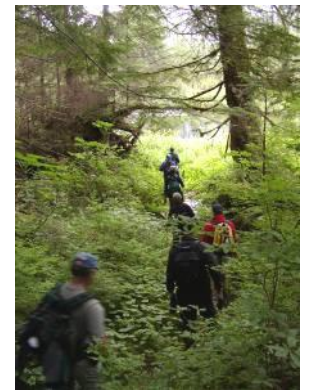


The stream at the head of Saook Bay flows through a broad grassy estuary called Paradise Flats. This place is heaven for fly fishers. We spend the morning here casting for Dolly Varden char and Cutthroat trout (or, later in the season, pink salmon).



Back on board for lunch while the ship gets under

way to Hanus Bay. Where we'll take the short hike up the trail to Lake Eva where we will find a grove of Sitka Spruce trees that are among the tallest and largest girthed in the Tongass National Forest. There may even be an opportunity here to do a little more fly fishing near the lake's outlet before everyone re-boards the ship and proceeds on to Kelp Bay for the night.



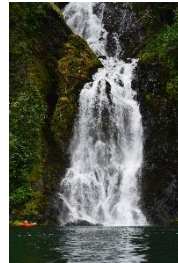
There are choices of activities every day, and the ship's ratio of crew to guests allows small groups to head off in different directions according to interest, with knowledgeable guides leading each group.

WEDNESDAY – Day Five



Early risers can go kayaking before breakfast, where they're likely to have close encounters with harbor seals and dapper harlequin ducks. Neither species have much fear of stealthy paddlers in this secluded bay. Photographers, in particular, love these early morning outings.

Afterward, the ship gets under way to cruise along the "waterfall coast" of Baranof Island, one of the most scenic coastal wilderness areas in Southeast Alaska on our way to Red Bluff Bay.



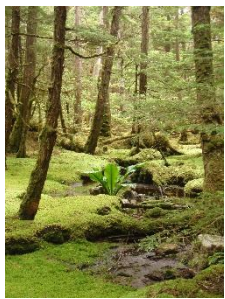
Once we get there, we'll divide into several groups to go ashore. Some may choose to fly fish in the river at the head of the bay. But the highlight of this place is the short, steep hike up onto the brick red bluffs which give this place its name. Here, wildflowers are dense in summer and natural rock gardens are resplendent with splashy displays of blue and yellow violets, columbine and fragrant meadow orchids.



After the hike, we return to the ship again and haul anchor, bound for Pybus Bay on Admiralty Island where we'll spend the night. The local native Tlingit people call the island Kootznoowoo, which means "fortress of the bears."

THURSDAY – Day Six

Today is the final opportunity for hiking and fishing, and we've saved some of the best of both for last. We pack lunches and head out in the skiffs right after breakfast. Brothers Islands, lying just off the mouth of Pybus Bay, are notable for their unique mossy terrain. A gentle walk through the lush rainforest on one of these small islands leads to a wild stretch of rocky beach. Great numbers



of Steller sea lions will sometimes haul out onto some of these beaches, and if we're careful we can approach these noisy "rookeries" by skiff without disturbing the lounging animals.



Halibut fishing in Pybus Bay is often productive, as is fly-fishing or spin casting for Pink salmon or Dolly Varden char in Donkey Creek at the head of

the bay. Bald eagles perch solemnly in the treetops waiting for an opportunity to snatch an unwary fish from the water. Bears are common here, and our guides on shore will carry a tackle box under one arm and pepper spray, just in case, under the other.

FRIDAY – Day Seven

"Glacier Day" as crew members call it – when we are bound for either Tracy Arm or Endicott Arm, two spectacular fiords carved deep into the Coast Range by rivers of ice.

We head towards the face of a glacier by skiff where you can watch (at a safe distance) great chunks of ice, some the size of our ship, crash into the ocean in a frenzy of foam and spray. The ship's Chef outfits each skiff with hot cocoa and homemade cookies. Harbor seals find their own tasty treats in the nutrient-rich waters of these inlets and, for a period of time in early summer, we can observe female seals hauling-out onto ice bergs in order to give birth to their young.



Late in the day we leave the fiords behind and anchor in Taku Harbor, not far from Juneau, where guests are treated to a particularly sumptuous wrap-up dinner, followed by an "underground tour" of the ship's engine room and a celebratory "roast & toast" with crew.

SATURDAY – Day Eight

We arise early and take breakfast under way, with ancient and untouched spruce and hemlock forests marching past the ship's portholes as we make our way back to civilization. By 10:00 AM we are tied to the dock in downtown Juneau where guests disembark. Transport is provided to the hotel or to the airport in time for a flight home.



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