

Discover Southeast Alaska

by Small Ship



** Tails, Talons, and Totem Poles **

Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends for a summertime expedition through some of nature's more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the 66-passenger *Admiralty Dream*.

Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader.

Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature's amazing show.

This program also offers an optional pre-tour to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Mt. Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay in a hilltop lodge with panoramic views located inside the park, and learn how this magnificent area became one of our nation's most breathtaking conservation areas.

Space is limited. With significant savings of up to \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 636-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig 'em,

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Free Expedition Library

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **TBD, 2018**, to receive the **FREE** Orbridge Expedition Library we've assembled for this program.

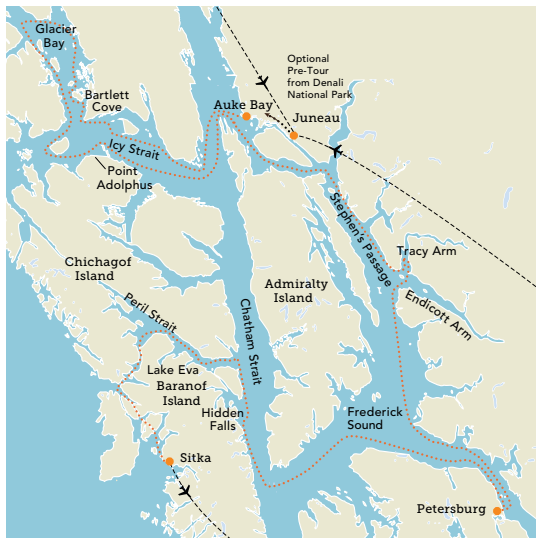
This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.

Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Southeast Alaska

Aboard the nimble, 66-passenger *Admiralty Dream*, you'll have access to the breathtaking byways of Alaska's Inside Passage.

With skilled naturalists by your side, you'll encounter magnificent peaks and fjords, and ice-blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions—while learning about the traditions of Alaska's indigenous cultures.





Your 8-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

Day 1: Arrive in Juneau – Embarkation (D)
Alaska State Museum, Mendenhall Glacier
Visitor Center
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 2: Icy Strait / Chichagof Island (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife viewing
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 3: Glacier Bay National Park (B,L,D)
Dynamic glaciers, ranger and cultural
presentations
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 4: Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife and
glacier viewing
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 5: Petersburg / Frederick Sound (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, Petersburg tour, hike
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 6: Eastern Baranof Island /
Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
Hidden Falls Hatchery
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 7: Lake Eva (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, hike, farewell dinner
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

Day 8: Sitka – Disembarkation (B)

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, typically not strenuous for guests with average mobility, including skiff rides, hiking, and kayaking. Walks and hikes are at a leisurely pace in order to see and learn as much as possible about the region. It's our expectation that guests are able to walk with good balance, and go up and down stairs easily without assistance.

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Program Highlights (subject to change)

- See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded coves and inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the *Admiralty Dream*, or aboard its skiffs and kayaks.
- Accompanied by two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.
- Learn about Alaska's culture and living history during a visit to the Alaska State Museum and from a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide at Glacier Bay National Park.
- Take a guided tour of the Norwegian town of Petersburg.
- Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you'll learn about Chum, Chinook, and Coho salmon.
- Alongside a Park Ranger, cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve to see the sanctuary's deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.
- **What's included:** 7 nights aboard the *Admiralty Dream*; all excursions and presentations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners; beverages including complimentary beer and wine with lunch and dinner; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, drivers and porters; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



Admiralty Dream

Aboard the *Admiralty Dream*, you can go where large ships cannot—gaining exclusive access to channels and bays full of wildlife.



Lower deck — below water line



Main deck



Upper deck



Bridge deck



B C

Two single beds (77" x 46" and 69" x 26"), drawers, bathroom with combination shower/toilet. Lower deck cabins do not have windows. 74 sq. ft.



A

Two single beds, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 93 sq. ft.



AA

Two single beds or one double bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 93-96 sq. ft.



AAA

Two single beds, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 122 sq. ft.



Deluxe

Two modular single beds or a queen bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 134 sq. ft.



Owner's Suite

One queen bed, forward views from large windows, wardrobe, sitting area, private bathroom with separate shower and toilet. 135 sq. ft.

Your Expedition Leader

Alaska is simply gorgeous, but viewing it with an Orbridge Expedition Leader at your side is another thing altogether. While watching humpback whales off the bow, your Expedition Leader will offer expert descriptions of mammals' "bubble net" form of social feeding. Kayaking together, you will observe animals like Dall's porpoises and Alaska's brown bears. Watch and learn the secrets of Alaska's wild beauty—you will be amazed.



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Optional Pre-Tour *Denali National Park*



Take an Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska. Your destination: the magnificent Denali National Park and Preserve. Admire North America's highest peak and choose from exciting optional excursions.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: Arrive in Fairbanks (R)

Welcome reception

Day +2: Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park (B,D)

Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center and the Murie Science and Learning Center; special dinner event

Day +3: Denali National Park (B)

Participate in optional excursions or enjoy leisure activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks

Day +4: Denali National Park

Wilderness Excursion (B,I)
Exclusive Orbridge backcountry adventure with a naturalist guide

Day +5: Denali National Park /

Talkeetna / Anchorage (B,I)
Travel to Anchorage by motor coach, Anchorage Museum

Day +6: Depart Anchorage / Arrive

Juneau / Day 1 of Main Program (B)

Optional Excursions:

Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation: A behind-the-scenes look at championship Alaskan Huskies and their training with Iditarod, four-time winner, Jeff King.

Denali Glacier Landing Flight: A 100-minute plane tour of Denali, viewing the continent's deepest gorge, glaciers, surrounding peaks and valleys and a landing on one of Denali's pristine glaciers.

Arctic Circle Flight Tour: This 6-hour tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and visit to Coldfoot Camp.

Highlights & Inclusions

- Experience a historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska.
- Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.
- Be on the lookout for vast wildlife including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.
- Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with a trained naturalist.
- Listen to an Alaskan homesteader's tale of summitting Denali.
- Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.
- Visit Talkeetna before arriving in Anchorage to stroll through Alaska's largest museum.
- **What's included:** One night accommodation at Pike's Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks, three nights accommodations at the Grande Denali Lodge, and one night accommodation at Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage each with breakfast each morning (accommodations subject to change); transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service including seating in the upper level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, and breakfast (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages); a special dinner featuring a presentation by a Murie Science and Learning Center science educator; guided Denali backcountry tour with lunch; deluxe motor coach transport to Talkeetna and Anchorage with lunch; Anchorage Museum Tour; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all gratuities; and transfers between hotels and airport upon arrival and departure during the suggested times.

Not all excursions listed may be available. Availability is also subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability and group interests. For flight excursions, weight and minimum age requirements apply.

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JUNE 21-28, 2019

Denali Pre-Tour: June 16-21, 2019

Option 1: Reserve online now at texas-am.orbridge.com or call (800) 633-7514.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

DENALI PRE-TOUR OPTIONS (added to your final invoice):

_____ guests joining Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation (\$65/adult)

_____ guests joining Denali Glacier Landing Flight (\$565/person)

_____ guests joining Arctic Circle Flight Tour (\$530/person)

Participants' dressed weight: Guest #1 _____ Guest #2 _____ (for flights only; to balance the aircraft)

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check Enclosed Online Check/ACH MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

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Name (as printed on card): _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Traveling Aggies, The Association of Former Students
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Special Traveling Aggies Rate: **Save up to \$1,000**
per couple

What Guests Are Saying...

Traveling with the Aggies is the only way to travel internationally. As soon as you meet your group, you are instant friends and are never alone in a foreign country.

~Cathy Ward

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on 'non-Aggie' trips, we realize nothing can compare!

~Randy '74 and Gail Parker

Traveling Aggie trips are always "special" whether in large groups or small and we look forward to our next one soon.

~Will '71 and Carolyn '81 Dierksen

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