Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

8 DAYS OF NORTHERN WONDERS
* Tails, Talons and Totem Poles *
JUNE 26, 2015 – JULY 03, 2015

DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ALASKA

Discover the awesome beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Alaska’s Inside Passage.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to invite you on an exclusive small-ship exploration of Alaska’s Inside Passage: where protected inlets, abundant wildlife in vast wildernesses, and astonishingly massive and active glaciers come together to create an environment of natural beauty like no other place on earth.

The small 66-passenger Admiralty Dream offers access to the waterways of the Inside Passage that is unique to small-ship sailing. Enjoy comfortable accommodations, delicious meals, up-close wildlife viewing, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the expert guidance of two skilled Orbridge Expedition Leaders.

Our rates for University of North Carolina guests on this departure represent a significant savings (up to $1,000 per couple) over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today and to share this brochure with friends who may be interested in traveling with you! You may reserve online at http://unc.orbridge.com, by phone at (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 10/9/2014

Program Highlights:
See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the Admiralty Dream, or aboard its skiff and kayaks.

Accompanied by two naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leaders, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.

Learn about Alaska’s culture and industry with a traditional Tlingit dance performance, as well as visits to a salmon hatchery and the Alaska State Museum.

Joined by a Park Ranger and Native Huna Tlingit Interpreter, enter the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve to see the sanctuary’s deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.

Relax: included are all excursions, presentations, beverages including complimentary beer and wine with dinner, meals (7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners), and airport transfers for guests on suggested flights.

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**Day-by-Day Itinerary***:

**Day 1 – Arrive in Sitka / Embark Admiralty Dream**

Today, travel to Sitka from your home city, or from Anchorage if you visited Denali National Park on the 6-day Orbridge Pre-Tour. Once you arrive, you will have the chance to begin your expedition with cultural immersion at a Sheet’ka Kwa’an Naa Kahidi (which roughly translates to “The clan house for all the people of Sitka”) dance show, an authentic Tlingit performance. Visit the Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska’s foremost bald eagle hospital and educational center, and the Southeast Alaskan Indian Cultural Center, where Tlingit 100-year-old totem poles still remain; before transferring to the Admiralty Dream for an evening embarkation. Enjoy your first dinner onboard as we sail through the Peril Strait.

Overnight: Admiralty Dream (D)

**Day 2 – Hidden Falls / Icy Strait**

Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you will learn about chum, Chinook, and Coho...
salmon, as well as the vital role fishing has held in Alaska for centuries. Relax on deck with your binoculars and a hot cup of cocoa as you sail through Icy Strait in search of wildlife.
Overnight: Admiralty Dream (B,L,D)

Day 3 – Glacier Bay National Park
Early this morning we arrive at Bartlett Cove where we meet a National Park Service Ranger and Native Huna Tlingit Interpreter who will accompany us to Glacier Bay National Park. Here, scientists have found exposed rock that’s believed to be more than 200 million years old. Look out for puffins, sea lions, mountain goats, bears, eagles, and some of the most spectacular scenery in Alaska.
Overnight: Admiralty Dream (B,L,D)

Day 4 – Chichagof Island / Point Adolphus
After breakfast, enjoy kayaking and skiff excursions in protected bays on Chichagof Island, experiencing some of the richest whale waters in Southeast Alaska. Observe the marine mammals in their natural habitat while sailing to Point Adolphus. Your onboard naturalists will be available to provide information about local history, geology, and wildlife.
Overnight: Admiralty Dream (B,L,D)

Day 5 – Auke Bay / Juneau
Arrive at Auke Bay and depart early for sightseeing through Juneau and a visit to the Mendanhall Glacier Visitor Center to view the fascinating glacial mass. An included visit to the Alaska State Museum offers a look at a unique collection of Russian, Native American, and Gold Rush artifacts. Return to the ship after enjoying lunch on your own. As we depart Juneau, watch for porpoises, brown bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, and a variety of marine birds. Sail through Stephens Passage towards Tracy Arm.
Overnight: Admiralty Dream (B,D)

Day 6 – Tracy Arm
This morning, experience Tracy Arm, a narrow fjord that winds through towering mountains and massive glaciers. From your kayak or skiff, witness the “calving” of icebergs as gigantic chunks of ice break and crash into the water. Watch for harbor seals that often dot the floating platforms and mountain goats on nearby perches. Later this afternoon we depart Tracy Arm and head South in search of marine life on our way to Baranof Island.
Overnight: Admiralty Dream (B,L,D)

Day 7 – Baranof Island / Lake Eva
Kayak or skiff early this morning in a secluded cove near Baranof Island and watch for bears wandering the shore. Continue cruising to Lake Eva for an afternoon hike. Enjoy a slow cruise through Peril Strait as you enjoy a farewell dinner.
Overnight: Admiralty Dream (B,L,D)

Day 8 – Sitka / Disembark
Disembark this morning after breakfast and meet your complimentary shuttle to the airport to catch your flight home. (B)

*Itinerary subject to change

What’s Included:

✦ Seven nights aboard the Admiralty Dream
✦ All onboard hand-crafted meals – 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners – including a special Captain’s Farewell Dinner, as well as wine and beer at
lunches and dinners

- An onboard lecture program and educational guidance of two Orbridge Expedition Leaders, as well as a Park Ranger and Native Huna Tlingit Interpreter during a visit to Glacier Bay National Park

- Guided kayaking, hiking, walking, skiff excursions, and wildlife viewing where humpback whale, orca, brown bear, Steller sea lion, harbor seal, sea otter, arctic tern, bald eagle, and other populations are frequently spotted

- Transfers to and from the Sitka airport

- All port fees and entry fees to parks, preserves, museums, attractions and special excursions as described in the itinerary

- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leaders and to airport drivers and porters for guests on suggested flights

Your Guide(s):

Two Orbridge Expedition Leaders

On this program you will have the benefit of two premier Expedition Leaders. With their extensive local knowledge and experience as naturalists and historians, enjoy cultures and locations you encounter with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

Program Accommodations:

The Admiralty Dream

Accommodating 66 guests, the 143-foot Admiralty Dream was designed to go where large ships cannot, navigating guests to the best views possible while preserving an intimate and exclusive atmosphere. Experience Alaska—watching wildlife up close on skiffs or kayaks, floating on the swell as icebergs crash into the sea, and learning about authentic Alaskan communities—while enjoying the vessel’s freshly-prepared cuisine and comfortable accommodations. On board are the ship’s knowledgeable crew and your Orbridge Expedition Leaders, who share their hospitality, their uncanny
knack for spotting wildlife, and fascinating secrets behind the wild beauty that surrounds you.

Category C
Featuring two twin beds and a private bathroom with shower. 74 sq. ft. (Lower Deck, cabins do not have windows)

Category B
Featuring two twin beds and a private bathroom with shower. 74 sq. ft. (Lower Deck, cabins do not have windows)

Category A
Feature two twin beds, view window, and a private bathroom with shower. 96 sq. ft. (303-312)

Category AA
Featuring two twin beds, one double, or one queen bed, view window, and a private bathroom with shower. 93 sq. ft. (301 & 302, 201-204)
Category AAA
Features two twin beds or queen bed, view window, mini fridge, and private bathroom with shower. 122 sq. ft. (Upper Deck, stern)

Deluxe
Features two twin berths or queen bed, view window, mini fridge, and private bath with shower. 134 sq. ft. (Bridge Deck)

Owner's Suite
Features queen bed, panoramic views from the bow of the vessel, and private bath with shower. 135 sq. ft. (Upper Deck)

Activity Level:

Easy
This program offers a variety of activities, ranging from skiff rides and hiking to kayaking. Activities are not strenuous for guests with average mobility. Walks are at a leisurely pace in order to see and learn as much as possible about the region. Much of the exploration is done in the skiffs, which sure-footed guests can enter/exit with little trouble. Crew members are diligent about assisting guests while boarding and exiting the ship and small craft. The double kayaks are stable and easily handled by those with no previous experience. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk with good balance and go up and down stairs easily without assistance, as the ship does not have an elevator.

What They're Saying:

“A trip to Alaska was on our "Bucket List." This trip was truly more than we ever imagined. Thank you for providing such wonderful adventures. I am so very glad that we were able to enjoy this wonderful trip! The Denali Pre-tour was such a wonderful addition to our Admiralty Dream cruise. I am so happy that we did both!”
— Karen L., Midlothian, VA

“The food, desserts, and hors d’oeuvres were astounding! Everything was fabulous and WAY above our expectations! The staff was wonderful!”
— Betty and Paul M., Castle Dale, Utah

“The guides are 100% professionals and their dedication to educating people to the wonders of nature is unsurpassed. Their leadership and subject matter knowledge is amazing. Their guidance, helped by a very accommodating wildlife display, made this trip the best trip of my life.”
— Norman L, Midlothian, VA

“This trip has become our new standard for selecting any further travel—it combined a great deal of learning with real comfort, a wonderful setting (both ship and Southeast Alaska), wildlife we had only imagined, and left us sad when it was over. This was also our first experience with Orbridge and we were very pleasantly impressed.”
— Catherine C. & George K., Hanover, NH

Optional Extension:
DENALI NATIONAL PARK

Experience an historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska. With superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar dome seat, watch Alaska’s rugged forests and wildlife fill the ever-changing panorama of your window. Your destination: the magnificent, six-million-acre Denali National Park and Reserve. Familiarize yourself with the Park, walking its trails with a certified naturalist, and choose from optional excursions to personalize your adventure. Keep binoculars close at hand: this dazzling and vast wilderness is home to Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears — and catching sight of them is a thrill not soon forgotten.

Itinerary:

Itinerary subject to change

Day 1: Arrive Fairbanks, AK
Welcome to Fairbanks! The town is also known as “The Golden Heart of Alaska,” a reference to its location in Alaska’s interior and also to the discovery of gold in 1902. After being welcomed by your Orbridge Expedition Leader, meet your traveling companions at a welcome reception to arrange your optional activities in Denali. Overnight: SpringHill Suites Fairbanks (R)

Day 2: Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park
Along with your Orbridge Expedition Leader, board the Alaska Railroad train to Denali National Park on one of the most scenic stretches of the world-famous Alaska Railroad, cutting through the northern boreal forests of interior Alaska where gold miners first came to seek their fortune. Enjoy a rich panoply of views of our northernmost frontier as you travel in your reserved seat and upgraded GoldStar dome train car. This afternoon, take a hotel courtesy shuttle from the train station to the Grande Denali Lodge. Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge (B)

Day 3: Denali National Park
After breakfast, participate in one of the offered optional excursions or enjoy free time to explore Denali. Take advantage of the many self-guided hiking trails or informative ranger-led talks and excursions offered in the park, or simply marvel at the scenery. You may want to visit the Denali Visitor Center, the Murie Science and Learning Center, or one of the other excellent ranger stations in the park. This evening, reconvene and listen as an Alaskan homesteader recounts his experiences living a sustainable lifestyle and summiting Mt. McKinley. Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge (B)
Day 4: Denali National Park / Tundra Wilderness Excursion
Today, take the day to travel 53 miles into Denali Park Road on a naturalist-guided back country tour, to see incredible scenery and some of the best opportunities to view Mt. McKinley. Make sure to have your binoculars ready, as there will be plenty of opportunity to look for the park's wildlife inhabitants.
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge (B,L)

Day 5: Denali National Park / Anchorage
Board the Alaskan Railroad with upgraded GoldStar dome seating. At 2,363 feet, Broad Pass is the highest point on the railroad, and migratory pattern for caribou. Indian River Canyon is home to beavers and their lodges can be seen in the ponds along the way. The track climbs toward the tree line, first crossing Hurricane Gulch and the longest bridge on the railroad at just over 914 feet. The serpentine banks of the Susitna River, Talkeetna, and the Knik and Matanuska Rivers offer more sights along the way before concluding in Anchorage.
Overnight: Anchorage Marriott Downtown (B)

Day 6: Depart Anchorage
Enjoy breakfast before transferring to the airport for your flight to begin the main program. (B)

Please note: Group space may not be available within 90 days of departure.

Accommodations:

SpringHill Suites Fairbanks*
In Fairbanks, stay in comfort at this inviting and well-appointed hotel. Located in central Fairbanks, dining and shopping options are nearby; and the Chena River flows just outside, beckoning with a lovely walking trail. The hotel offers an indoor pool, onsite bistro restaurant, and gym—and you can request a wake-up call if the Northern Lights are sighted.
Room Amenities: Kitchenette, satellite TV, complimentary wireless internet access, phone, iPod docking station, mini bar, coffee and tea-making facilities, and en suite bathroom with hair dryer.

Grande Denali Lodge*
The Grande Denali Lodge is located just north of the Denali Park entrance on the slopes of Sugarloaf Mountain with unparalleled views of the surrounding Denali wilderness and the Nenana River Canyon. Spacious guest rooms, onsite dining and dedicated staff make the Grande Denali Lodge the perfect place to launch all your adventures. Amenities include restaurant, bar and lounge, shuttle services, guest laundromat, high-speed internet access in the lobby, and news stand.

Room Amenities: Air conditioning, cable TV, phone, coffee and tea-making facilities, and en suite bathroom with hair dryer.

Anchorage Marriott Downtown*

Located in downtown, the Anchorage Marriott offers quick access to some of the best restaurants in the city. Perhaps dine in the hotel’s Café Promenade or unwind in the fitness center.

Room Amenities: Air conditioning, high-speed internet access (additional cost), satellite TV, phone, tea and coffee-making facilities, and en suite bathroom with hair dryer.

*or similar

What’s Included:

✦ Services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader

✦ One night accommodations at the SpringHill Suites Fairbanks, three nights accommodation at the Grande Denali Lodge, and one night at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown (accommodations subject to change) with breakfast each morning

✦ Transport aboard the Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service seating in the upper level dome car, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages at your seat, and priority seating in the dining room

✦ Hotel courtesy shuttle between the Denali rail depot and Grande Denali Lodge

✦ A full-day tour into Denali National Park with naturalist guide, lunch included

✦ Transfers between the airport and hotel for guests on suggested flights

✦ Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals
Reservation Form

Discover Southeast Alaska

JUNE 26, 2015 — JULY 03, 2015
EXTENSION: JUNE 21, 2015 — JUNE 26, 2015

☐ Option 1: Reserve now: online at http://unc.orbridge.com or by calling (877) 962-3980.

☐ 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 (as printed on passport): ________________________________ Class Year ____________
Guest #2 (as printed on passport): ________________________________ Class Year ____________
Address: _______________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ____________ ZIP: ____________
Email: __________________________ Phone: ____________ Alt. Phone: ____________
Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice: ____________ 2nd choice: ____________

Deposit:
( # ) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
( # ) ______ guests joining extension ($500/person if applicable) = Total deposit: $ ____________

Deposit Payment:
☐ Check enclosed  ☐ Online Check/ACH  ☐ MasterCard/Visa  ☐ American Express  ☐ Discover
Card #: __________________________ Exp. date: _________ CVV: _________
Name (as printed on card): ___________________________________________
Billing address (if different than above): ________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ____________ ZIP: ____________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://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: UNCGAA
P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660
Fax: (919) 843-4144

*Discounted group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted in the single occupancy cabin, are in U.S. dollars, and do not include airfare. Single pricing listed is for Category C; availability limited. **Rates are per person based on double occupancy in U.S. dollars. Single pre-tour rate is $2,995; availability limited. Airfare is not included.