

ALASKA BY LAND AND BY SEA: Cruising the Inside Passage

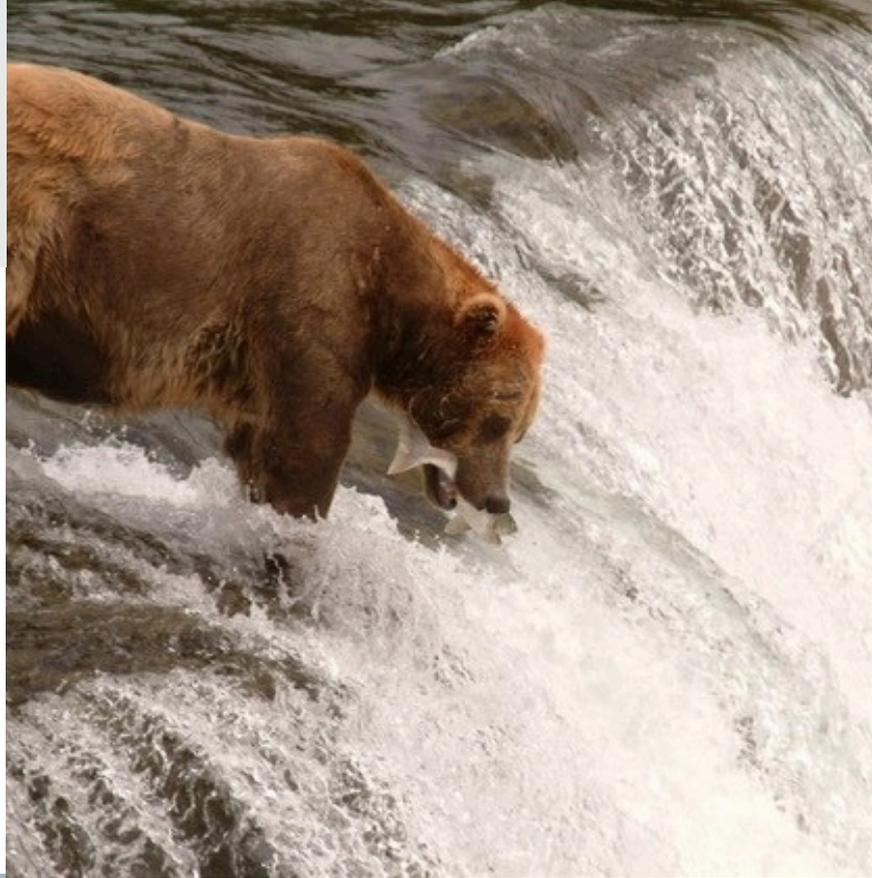


ALASKA BY SEA: 15th September 2027
13-day expedition cruise on Safari Endeavour
\$11,290 pp (twin share) \$19,880 (solo cabin)

ALASKA BY LAND: 25th September 2027
10-day land itinerary
\$12,770 pp (twin share) \$2,000 (solo supplement)

Tour Highlights

- Cruise the Inside Passage via the Strait of Georgia, Desolation Sound and more
- Small expedition vessel with a maximum of 88 guests
- Flight to Katmai National Park for viewing the wild brown bears
- Two full days in Glacier Bay National Park
- Searching for sea wolves and spirit bears along the shores of the Great Bear Rainforest
- Exploring Sucia Island Marine State Park (only accessible by boat)
- The wonderful and varied scenery along this amazing coastline



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Tour overview

Travelling through Alaska is to step into a world of epic wilderness, where towering mountains, endless forests, and icy fjords create one of Earth's most dramatic landscapes. Known as The Last Frontier, Alaska offers a rare chance to experience raw nature at its most awe-inspiring.

The Kenai Peninsula dazzles with turquoise lakes, rugged coastline, and the chance to spot whales, sea otters, and puffins. Cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park, where tidewater glaciers calve into the sea and wildlife thrives in abundance. North America's tallest peak crowns Denali National Park. Here, grizzly bears, caribou, wolves, and moose roam freely across tundra and taiga. Scenic drives, wildlife safaris, and backcountry hikes reveal the grandeur of Alaska's untouched interior. The Inside Passage offers a classic route by cruise, weaving past glaciers, fjords, and forested islands dotted with coastal communities like Juneau and Sitka.

Whether kayaking alongside glaciers, flying over mountain ranges, snapping as many photos as you can of the bears, or simply soaking in the silence of a wild landscape, Alaska promises discovery at every turn. It is not just a place to visit—it is an experience of scale, solitude, and wonder that stays with travellers long after the journey ends.

Blue Dot has prepared the ultimate itinerary for the destination they call The Last Frontier. Join the cruise, join the land tour or join both.



Activity rating: Moderate

You must be capable of walking up to 8,000 steps daily; occasionally ascending 3-4 flights of steps; standing at attractions for up to 1 hour; boarding and disembarking transport unaided and handling your own luggage.

ALASKA: BY LAND

Day 1: September 15th IN TRANSIT

Depart from Australia for Anchorage. Please refer to your separate flight schedule. Arrive in Anchorage and transfer to the hotel, where we will stay for two nights. Please ensure you have an ESTA (electronic travel authorisation) or a full Visa allowing entry to the US.

Day 2, September 16th ANCHORAGE

After breakfast, our tour begins with a short drive to visit the busiest private seaplane base in the world at Lake Hood. Getting around by seaplane is common practice in this part of the world! Then, we'll take a stroll along a section of the lovely Tony Knowles Coastal Walk before heading out of town to Hatcher Pass to learn about the gold mining of this region. Witness the breathtaking views of the Chugach Mountains. On return, we'll head to Moose's Tooth pub and pizzeria – a favourite of the locals. Overnight: Anchorage **B/D**

Day 3, September 17th ANCHORAGE – SEWARD

This morning, drive to Seward (approximately 2.5 hours), where we will meet up with the friendly folks from Savery Homestead. We'll meet the husky dogs, as teams are hitched to summer sleds, then mush for two miles through the scenic forest. Upon return to the kennel, you can play with the dogs and puppies (typically born May – September), check out the race gear, and learn about these incredible dogs and mushers. After the tour, there'll be time to explore the small town of Seward on our own. (For anyone interested, you could also visit the Exit Glacier at your expense). Dinner at one of the restaurants in town. Overnight: Seward **B/D**

Day 4, September 18th SEWARD – HOMER

This morning, we'll depart for Homer, passing the towns of Kenai and Soldotna along the way. The trip will take about 4 hours with stops. In the afternoon, the group will take a short tour to the Wyn Nature Centre to enjoy the beauty of the boreal forest. On our guided hike through nature, smell the freshness of the spruce forest, gaze at the wildflowers and watch for the appearance of moose, bear, lynx, and songbirds on this 140-acre wildlife reserve. Time permitting, another local naturalist guide will introduce you to the seaside creatures of Homer. Peak under the docks to view some of Alaska's marine invertebrates, while our guide illuminates some of the diverse and unique animals hiding under the Homer docks! Check into your hotel for two nights. Dinner will be at the hotel or at a local restaurant. Overnight: Homer **B/D**

Day 5, September 19th KATMAI NATIONAL PARK

A special day awaits! A local adventure team will lead the group to some of the most amazing places in Alaska where you can experience wild Alaskan brown bears in their natural habitat. We'll fly to the middle of the largest population concentration of brown bears in the world! This is a wilderness tour: we walk along the same trails as the bears do, sit on the same river banks as they do and observe them as they go about their day-to-day life. There are no barriers, fences or platforms separating us from the bears or other wildlife. Depending on the time of year, you can expect to see the bears grazing on sedge grass, digging up clams, playing together, courting each other, resting, and fishing. On these tours in the parks we follow strict 'leave no trace' policies and behave in a way that has the least impact on the bears and other wildlife and the natural environment. The bear viewing tour departs by bush plane from the airport in Homer and fly past glaciers and volcanoes along the rugged coastlines of Katmai National Park and Lake Clark National Park. They are perfect for professional and amateur photographers, naturalists, wildlife viewers, National Park enthusiasts and anyone who enjoys spending time in a beautiful wilderness. We will be supplied with knee-high rubber boots in sizes 5-13. If you are a guest with a foot size smaller or larger, you should bring your own rubber boots for the viewing.

Day Trip Bear Viewing Essentials

- Small day-pack large enough to carry your equipment and lunch
- Bottles of water to last the day
- Warm clothing layers
- Rain jacket, water-resistant pants and a rain hat
- Insect repellent and sunblock
- Medications – enough for two days

Note. Should the weather prevent the group from returning to Homer from Katmai, we will spend the night at our wilderness camp. You must take your medication with you, which could prevent a medical emergency or, at a minimum, prevent undue stress. Overnight: Homer **B/L/D**

Day 6, September 20th HOMER – TALLEETNA

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll hit the road again, heading north back towards Anchorage. Today includes about 6 hours of driving. Before reaching Talkeetna, we will stop at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre to learn about the native Alaskans and their traditions, including the chance to watch native dancing led by a local dance group. (We suggest you grab a bite to eat at the Centre before heading off.) On arrival, check in to your hotel and head for a stroll around town at your leisure. Talkeetna retains its unique character with gold rush buildings, quirky locals, an unrivalled view of Denali, and plenty of wilderness. The Ranger Station and the Talkeetna Museum (on your own timetable and your own expense) will provide you with more than enough current and historical data and knowledge to understand the incredible subarctic region and to have dinner at your leisure. There are many bars, breweries, cafes and restaurants to choose from in this quirky township. Overnight: Talkeetna **B**



Day 7, September 21st TALKEETNA – FAIRBANKS

Today we'll drive to Fairbanks, stopping at the small hamlet of Nenana along the way. The trip will take around 5 hours. Fairbanks is the largest city along the way. The trip will take around 5 hours. Fairbanks is the largest city in Alaska's interior with a population of around 100,000, including its surrounding townships. It was originally a small trading post on the banks of the Chena River that dramatically grew during the early 1900s gold rush. Dinner in town. Overnight: Fairbanks **B/D**

Day 8, September 22nd FAIRBANKS

Today we will visit the Museum of the North. The University of Alaska Museum of the North is a thriving visitor attraction, a vital service of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the only research and teaching museum in Alaska. See Alaska Native cultures, natural wonders, and wildlife. Explore 2,000 years of Alaska art. The museum's exhibits are the best introduction to Alaska's wildlife, people, and lands. View original installations about Alaska's dinosaurs and the research made possible by our collections. Experience breathtaking architecture and views of the Alaska Range. Our museum is as unique as the Arctic cultures we celebrate. We will continue your visit to another beautiful location: the Fountainhead Auto Museum. Step back into a fascinating time in history. With a world-class collection of vintage automobiles and period fashions, complemented by fascinating exhibits, accessories, photographs, and archival videos, we welcome you on a vivid journey through the automotive age – from Victorian times to the Art Deco era. Overnight: Fairbanks **B/D**

Day 9 – 10, September 23rd – 24th FAIRBANKS – ANCHORAGE – SEATTLE

After breakfast, we'll make our way back to Anchorage with some interesting stops along the way. A farewell dinner is planned before we head to Seattle to start our cruise. Overnight: Seattle **B**

ALASKA: BY SEA

Day 11: September 25th

EMBARKATION FOR YOUR ALASKA CRUISE

NOTE: THE PROGRAM MAY BE REVERSED FROM JUNEAU TO SEATTLE, AT THE OPERATOR'S DISCRETION

Today, we embark on our 12-night cruise on the Safari Endeavour operated by UnCruise Adventures. From Seattle, we'll sail north, traversing the historic Hiram M. Chittenden Locks, making our way along the famous Inside Passage. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/D**

Day 12: September 26th SUCIA ISLAND

Sculpted sandstone formations, lush trails, and emerald waters make this a very special and magical island. Only available by boat, earn bragging rights by visiting this jewel of the Pacific Northwest. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 13: September 27th CANADA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

It's a day of intricate waterways and wildlife cruising, keeping watch for black bears on shore, including the elusive spirit bear. Civilisation slips away as you enter remote waters leading north through British Columbia. Your captain and crew are on the lookout and give the call of a sighting. Slow down and take it all in as forested fjords roll by. Aiming to entertain and educate over the following days, your expedition team is at the ready. Natural history, native influences, and their favourite trivia games, too. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 14: September 28th CANADA'S INSIDE PASSAGE

Bald eagles watch the ship move along its course. Islands to the west, inlet-etched mainland to the east, your captain and crew will navigate twisting passages. Harbour seals spend their days on rocky islets. Breathe the pure air and take in miles of forested wilderness. In the lounge, your bartender mixes up the daily special. Take the challenge and play a few friendly hands of cards with your shipmate. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 15: September 29th CANADA'S INSIDE PASSAGE – ALASKA

Today, we will sail through the northern-most portion of Canada's wild Inside Passage and enter Alaska's. Check out the bridge – it's an ideal spot to look for whales and other wildlife. See what the crew has in store today. Maybe a cooking or cocktail demonstration or a galley tour. Or learn more about navigation from the crew and try your hand at tying knots! Anticipation builds as we start the Alaska portion of the adventure tomorrow. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 16: October 30th MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

There are places on the planet that completely overwhelm you with their majesty, and this is one of them. Misty Fjords National Monument represents nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska. And that alone is a lot to consider. Glacial valleys filled with seawater, sheer 3,000-foot cliffs, sea birds, brown and black bears, mountain goats, and Sitka black-tailed deer all find haven here. The area's affectionate nickname, "The Yosemite of the North," is deserved. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 17: October 1st KETCHIKAN

In Ketchikan, connect with the Tlingit Culture. Tribal leader and local legend Joe Williams, known as Ka XeshX'e in his native language, guides you on a walking tour. With a rich oral tradition, the Tlingit passed stories from generation to generation—and Joe's storytelling is captivating! Explore Creek Street in Ketchikan on a self-guided tour, wandering its historic boardwalk lined with colourful buildings, learning about its storied past, and spotting the iconic Chief Kyan Totem Pole—featured in your passport as a symbol of Tlingit heritage. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**



Day 18: October 2nd WRANGELL NARROWS & THOMAS BAY

The backcountry of Alaska's wilderness is seldom seen, with glacial landscapes marked by moraines, mud and a lush forest. Today, choose your own adventure: kayaking in calm, protected waters, or hiking to find a snow-melt waterfall in Cascade Creek. Whatever you decide, you'll definitely have bragging rights when you return home. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 19: October 3rd CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Spend some time on the bow as you glide through glacier-carved fjords along the Chichagof coast.. Camera in hand, set off on land and sea explorations. Closer inspection by skiff, moss-dripping trees run right down to the water. With one of the world's largest populations of bears, it's possible. Go searching for giant trees and tidal pools. Hiking in the Tongass, it won't take long to find them. Your eagle-eyed guides lead the pack—and pull up the rear. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 20: October 4th ICY STRAIT WHALE SEARCH

Bullwhip kelp threads through nearby channels like deep, twisted mangroves. And you know better, but orange and purple starfish and jellyfish make it hard to believe you're not in the tropics. Follow the currents out to where the sea lions flock to remote rock formations. Your captain is on the bridge, the expedition team on deck, and all eyes are on the water and the shore. Everyone is on watch for the telltale blow of humpbacks. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 21: October 5th GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

This 3.3-million-acre park was covered by ice as recently as 1795. Since then, the park's receding glacier activity has made it easier to access those inner reaches. Glacial history, retreats, advances, moraines. They come with expert insight from your onboard naturalists, so bring on the questions. Pigeon guillemots, puffins, common murrelets, and cormorants colonise and nest at South Marble Island. One good whiff and a few loud barks give away one of its mammalian residents—Steller's sea lions. It's a full day in the bay exploring Muir's legacy—all the way to Grand Pacific and Margerie Glaciers. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 22: October 6th GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Most visitors see the same sliver of the park as everyone else. Not you. Today is day two in the park, and you're going the furthest and exploring parts that 99% of visitors never go to. Hike the outwash field of glaciers winding down the Fairweather Mountain Range. The cool breeze off the nearby snow and icefields is energising. If you motor over to Tidal Inlet, keep your eye out for bears, humpbacks, and, if you're lucky, a wolf sighting. Kayak the bay. Bushwhack into the forest. Tonight, join your captain for the Farewell Dinner. Overnight: Safari Endeavour **B/L/D**

Day 23: October 7th JUNEAU, ALASKA DISEMBARKATION

This morning, after breakfast, you'll disembark from the ship and transfer to the Juneau airport or stay a night in Juneau. Lunch, dinner and sightseeing at your own leisure. Overnight: Juneau **B**

Day 24: October 8th HOMEWARD BOUND

Depart from Juneau for your flight home or next destination. **B**

About your ship: The Safari Endeavour has just 42 cabins with a maximum of 88 guests. This allows the vessel to go to places that the larger ships cannot. Four decks are fully equipped for comfort and action. From the exercise equipment and lounge chairs on the deck, the twin hot tubs on the upper deck, the bow viewing area on the lounge deck, the library and dining room on the main deck, everything you need is within easy reach. The lounge features a large flat-screen TV with closed-circuit channels, including a GPS map of the ship's location and an underwater camera. The dining room features open seating. Meals are served tableside at set times, unless the activities have taken you far afield, in which case special plans will be arranged. Unlimited beverages, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, are included in the price of the cruise. Vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free options are available. The ship has an EZ Dock launch platform for kayaks, paddleboards, inflatable skiffs, plus hiking poles and Wi-Fi (on most occasions).





Accommodation

Our hotels are carefully chosen to capture the local atmosphere and set you up in an ideal location. You can expect accommodation that comprises a mix of standard hotels, boutique-style hotels, and smaller, independently owned establishments. Below are some of the hotels on this tour. Final hotels may change, and a complete list will be shared with you.

Snob Hollow Inn, Anchorage
www.snobhollowinn.com

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna
www.alaskacollection.com/talkeetna

Harbor360 Hotel, Seward
www.harbor360hotel.com

Uncruise Expeditions
www.uncruise.com/safari-endeavour

Why Blue Dot?

Travel is more than just moving from one place to another; it is an opportunity to explore this vast planet, connect with its people and marvel at its beauty. We have established a group of loyal, like-minded travellers who share this feeling and have taken multiple tours with us. With Blue Dot, you'll experience

- Thoughtfully designed itineraries with unique experiences
- Small, inclusive groups with a maximum of 16 travellers on most tours, and often fewer
- The support of both an Australian tour leader* and experienced local guides
- Programs designed to meet the needs of mature-age travellers
- Hands on, personalised service including customised flight bookings
- Tipping included in your tour cost

*Australian leaders accompany groups with more than 10 travellers.

Blue Dot welcomes solo travellers

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Enquiries and bookings

A \$3,000 deposit is required to secure your booking. For more information:

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