



Spartan Pathways Travel

JULY 3-10, 2026

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with optional
Denali Pre-Tour

DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ALASKA BY SMALL SHIP



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Dear Spartans,

Join us on a unique summertime expedition through the remote waterways of Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the 76-guest *Chichagof Dream*. While exploring some of nature's more secluded landscapes, encounter Alaska's abundant wildlife, breathtaking scenery, and ice-blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions.

Alongside expert naturalists and knowledgeable on-board crew, navigate narrow channels and remote coves inaccessible by larger vessels. Witness enormous whales breaching next to your boat, bears hunting along the shoreline, and eagles soaring overhead—all thrilling performances of nature's amazing show.

This program also offers an optional pre-tour to Denali National Park—home to Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay at a hilltop lodge just north of the park entrance, and explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness, recognizing why it's become one of our nation's most breathtaking conservation areas.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve, visit msu.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

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We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your email confirmation from the MSU Alumni Office.

Discover Southeast Alaska | Itinerary Highlights (subject to change)

The itinerary and daily activities (including skiff rides, kayaking and hiking) are subject to change based on weather, wildlife viewing and navigation conditions.

Day 1 ARRIVE IN SITKA, AK – EMBARKATION (D)

Welcome to Sitka, where Alaska's untamed beauty and rich history set the stage for the unforgettable adventure ahead. Meet a local guide to tour the Alaska Raptor Center—Alaska's foremost bald eagle hospital and educational center. Next visit Sitka National Historical Park and learn the history of the area that served as the battle site between Russian traders and the indigenous Tlingit. Late afternoon transfer to the port to board the *Chichagof Dream*. As embarkation begins unpack and become familiar with the ship's welcoming public spaces. Tonight gather with fellow travel companions for your first dinner on board.

Day 2 ICY STRAIT (B,L,D)

Glide through Icy Strait with prime viewing on deck to spot for wildlife including orcas, Steller sea lions, seals, porpoises and magnificent humpback whales. For those seeking additional activities perhaps join a skiff ride or hiking excursion on land. The crew will lead skiff rides and land excursions, offering deeper insight on the surrounding flora and fauna and the area's geography.

Day 3 GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK (B,L,D)

Explore awe-inspiring Glacier Bay National Park, where colossal glaciers meet rugged mountains and a temperate rainforest. Marvel at the face of Margerie Glacier—a 21-mile-long river of ice that stretches down from the towering peaks of the Fairweather Range. Further into the park is Johns Hopkins Glacier, a massive, actively advancing ice sheet. Continuing to Bartlett Cove visit the park lodge and visitor center or participate in a guided forest walk.

Day 4 EASTERN BARANOF ISLAND | LAKE EVA (B,L,D)

This morning cruise through the Peril Strait to Hanus Bay. In the afternoon enjoy free time at Lake Eva to take a guided hike or join a skiff excursion (conditions permitting). During leisure time on the ship take advantage of the open wheelhouse policy. Visit the captain and officers on the bridge, view the charted course, hear ship-to-ship communications and listen to stories from experienced Alaskan mariners.

Day 5 HIDDEN FALLS (B,L,D)

Experience a rare tour of Hidden Falls Hatchery for an up-close look at one of Alaska's most productive salmon enhancement facilities. This hatchery plays a crucial role in sustaining the region's commercial, sport and subsistence fisheries by releasing millions of salmon smolts annually. Gain insight from the knowledgeable staff about the hatchery's operations as they explain how the facility raises and releases chum, coho and Chinook salmon. Before dinner gather for an enlightening discussion with your onboard naturalists, whose deep knowledge and passion for Alaska's wilderness provide a deeper understanding of the locations and cultures you're witnessing.

Day 6 PETERSBURG | FREDERICK SOUND (B,L,D)

Step ashore in Petersburg, a charming fishing village with deep Scandinavian roots. Strolling through downtown admire the architecture, colorful murals and decorative folk painting adorning the buildings. The surrounding waters of Frederick Sound are among the best places in Alaska to observe humpback whales, which frequently display dramatic behaviors perfect for viewing and photography. After lunch take a skiff ride across Wrangell Narrows for a beautiful hike on the Petersburg Creek Trail.

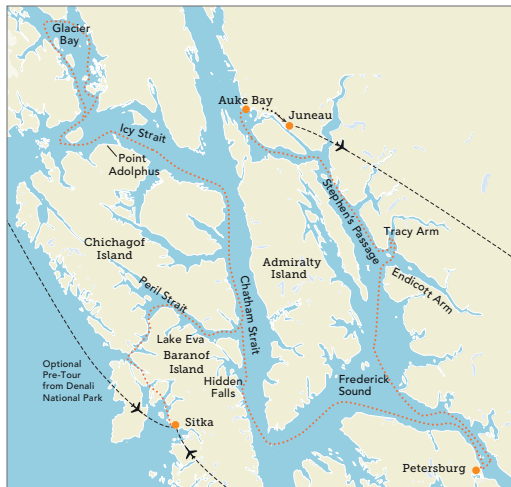
Day 7 TRACY ARM FJORD (B,L,D)

Venture into Tracy Arm Fjord, an impressive 30-mile-long fjord that's part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness and host to hundreds of waterfalls. Tonight gather together for a special Captain's Farewell Dinner to celebrate your adventures touring this remarkable Alaskan wilderness.

Day 8 AUKE BAY | JUNEAU – DISEMBARKATION | DEPART JUNEAU (B)

After breakfast and disembarkation, guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. If you reserved an additional night in Juneau, take a complimentary shuttle to your accommodations.

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



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.

What's Included

- 7 nights aboard the *Chichagof Dream*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners—including a special Captain's Farewell Dinner, and complimentary wine and beer at dinner
- An onboard lecture program and educational guidance of two naturalists plus an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- Guided kayaking, hiking, walking, skiff excursions and wildlife viewing where humpback whales, orcas, brown bears, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, sea otters, arctic terns, bald eagles and other populations are frequently spotted
- All port fees and entry fees to parks, preserves, museums, attractions and special excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, airport transfer drivers and drivers/guides on included land excursions
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



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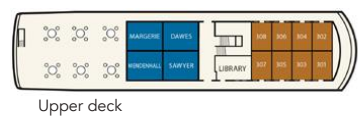
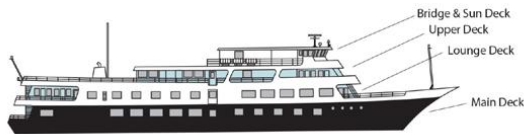


Accommodations *(subject to change)*

Aboard the agile *Chichagof Dream*, you'll gain exclusive access to channels and bays inaccessible to larger vessels. The ship's unassuming style allows guests to experience the true heart and soul of Alaska.

The *Chichagof Dream* features expansive viewing areas on the bow and aft outdoor promenade decks, a hull design optimized for supreme comfort in Alaskan waters, and forward-facing windows in the spacious lounge that extend from the deck to the ceiling, offering panoramic views off the bow.

NOTE: The *Chichagof Dream* does not have an elevator.



Optional Pre-Tour Denali National Park

Journey into the scenic wilds of America's most northern state, through Alaska's rugged forests and wildlife. A highlight of this adventure includes an afternoon traveling aboard the historic Alaska Railroad with superior viewing from your upgraded glass-dome seat.



Day +1 **ARRIVE IN ANCHORAGE, AK** Meet your Orbridge Expedition Leader and fellow travel companions at a welcome dinner, and prepare for your upcoming Denali activities and excursions.
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook (D)

Day +2 **ANCHORAGE | ALASKA RAILROAD | DENALI NATIONAL PARK** Board the train to Denali National Park. This evening enjoy dinner with a presenter from the Murie Science and Learning Center.
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge (B,L,D)

Day +3 **DENALI NATIONAL PARK WILDERNESS EXCURSION** Take a wilderness bus tour through Denali's wilderness to learn about its landscapes, wildlife and history. Redeem your Alpenglow Restaurant dinner voucher either tonight or tomorrow evening.
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge (B,L,D)

Day +4 **DENALI NATIONAL PARK** After breakfast participate in one of the pre-purchased optional excursions or enjoy free time to explore Denali. Later, reconvene for a reception with Alaskan homesteader, Jimmie Hendricks, and hear his journey and lifelong dream to explore Alaska and make it his home.
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge (B,R)

Day +5 **DENALI NATIONAL PARK | TALKEETNA | ANCHORAGE** Return to Anchorage by motor coach stopping for free time in Talkeetna. Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage. This evening enjoy time to explore downtown at leisure.
Overnight: The Wildbirch Hotel (B)

Day +6 **DEPART ANCHORAGE** Take the complimentary transfer to Anchorage International Airport for the group flight to join guests on the main program.

What's Included

- 5 nights hotel accommodations
- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners (including a dinner voucher for Grande Denali Lodge's Alpenglow Restaurant) and 1 reception
- Rail journey to Denali National Park along the distinguished Alaska Railroad featuring: reserved seating in the upper-level glass-dome car, priority seating in the dining room for breakfast and lunch, and two complimentary beverages
- Hotel courtesy shuttle between the rail depot, Grande Denali Lodge, the Denali Park Visitor Center and town
- A wilderness bus tour into Denali National Park
- Deluxe motor coach transportation to Talkeetna and Anchorage
- Services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader
- Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Optional Excursions

DogGonelt Dog Sled Tour
Denali Glacier Landing Flight
Arctic Circle Flight



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Denali National Park Pre-Tour: June 28 - July 3, 2026

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Category AAA	\$7,899	\$7,395
Deluxe	\$10,299	\$9,795
Deluxe Suite (upper)	\$11,999	\$11,495
Single (Cat. AA)	\$11,499	\$10,995
Single (Cat. AAA)	\$11,899	\$11,395

DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON

\$500 pre-tour • \$850 main tour

Denali Pre-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$4,199	\$3,995
Single	\$5,599	\$5,395
—includes \$350 per person internal airfare—		
Denali Optional Excursions	Rate	
DogGoneIt Dog Sled Tour	\$65 (per adult)	
	\$55 (youth 12 and under)	
Denali Glacier Landing Flight	\$685 (per adult)	
	\$635 (youth 9 and under)	
Arctic Circle Flight Tour	\$575 (per adult)	

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