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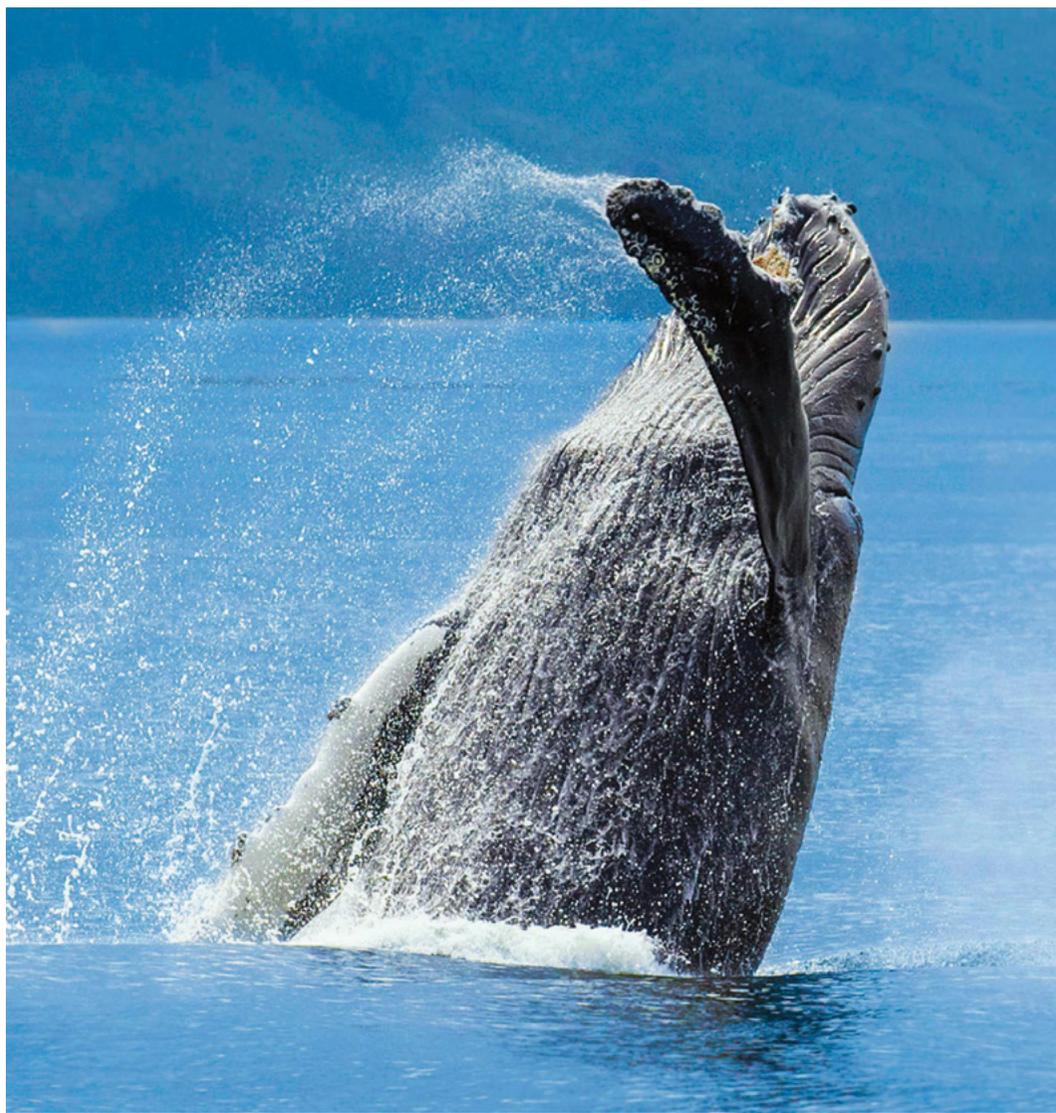


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# Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell & the Misty Fjords

JUNE 12-17, 2025

*ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD*



**SPECIAL OFFER: 5% GROUP SAVINGS**



## Dear Traveler,

In the tucked-away corners of coastal Alaska, old-growth rainforests and deep fjords are bordered by rich, sapphire seas brimming with charismatic marine life, from humpback whales to wide-eyed harbor seals. Adventure is everywhere on these wild waters and shores. It's found on uninhabited isles of mossy cedar and Sitka spruce, where the only trails were blazed by bears and moose. It's in the iceberg-dotted channels that beg to be explored by kayak or Zodiac, and on beaches lined with shimmering tidal pools and ancient rock carvings.

I invite you to explore these wonders and many others over six adventure-filled days. Lindblad Expeditions pioneered expedition cruising, and they have been exploring this wild part of the world for more than 40 years, taking travelers to rugged and roadless shorelines where larger cruise ships can't sail. On this immersive voyage, we'll delve into Tlingit culture on remote Wrangell Island, cruise among icebergs calved from massive glaciers, sail the surreal channels of Misty Fjords National Monument, gain access to the old-growth woodlands of Tongass National Forest, and much more.

The nimble, 31-cabin *National Geographic Sea Bird* is our platform for discovery. She was purpose-built to explore Alaskan waters, with a shallow draft for navigating secluded inlets, large expanses of glass for optimal views, and twin Zodiac boarding platforms that allow travelers to quickly disembark for wildlife encounters. The ship is also equipped with a fleet of kayaks and paddleboards that can glide into quiet coves so we can observe sea lions sunbathing or brown bears and bald eagles fishing for salmon.

The veteran expedition team that travels alongside us has been curated for the voyage and includes expert naturalists, an undersea specialist to capture footage of Alaska's surprisingly vibrant undersea realm, and a certified photo instructor, who will be on hand to help you capture the pictures of a lifetime.

Most visits to the Inside Passage are part of longer cruise itineraries in Alaska. This compact expedition allows you to fully experience the last bastion of American wilderness in under one week. **To make your reservation, please return the enclosed reservation form, email [groups@expeditions.com](mailto:groups@expeditions.com) or call 833-985-1261.**

Sincerely,



Tricia Essenpreis  
Director,  
Forever Buffs Engagement & Outreach

### SPECIAL OFFER

Save 5% when traveling with the University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Association. See page 12 for details.

# Discover Alaska's Wildest Corners

## A Wilderness of Epic Proportions

Amid the labyrinthine coast of Southeast Alaska, glacially sculpted fjords create a dramatic gateway to America's last frontier. Here, the air resonates with the occasional crack as icebergs calve into sparkling waters. Ancient and mist-shrouded cedar, Sitka spruce, and hemlock trees make up the world's largest temperate rainforest—the Tongass National Forest—a unique habitat teeming with incredible flora and fauna, from thick carpets of moss and colorful lichen to all five species of Pacific salmon. The *National Geographic Sea Bird* is specially designed to take you beyond the region's busy ports and piers, into remote nooks and crannies of this epic wilderness, where you can see the biodiversity in all its splendor.

## Set Out on a Marine Safari

We'll venture to roadless places where massive brown bears fish for salmon, and bald eagles soar just overhead. In these rich waters, humpback whales partake in bubble-net feeding, a fascinating synchronized hunting technique found in few places on Earth. Seek large Steller sea lions and frolicking sea otters among the region's mist-shrouded channels and emerald slopes, and keep an eye out for orcas on the hunt. In late spring and early summer, lingering mountain snow sends hungry goats and bears closer to the shoreline, sometimes with adorable newborns in tow. Later in the season, wildlife is busily preparing to hibernate or migrate, and it's a wonderful time to see large numbers of whales.

*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Perched bald eagle; sacred totem poles in Ketchikan; guests observe glacier up close via Zodiac;*





# Authentic & Immersive Exploration

## **National Geographic Sea Bird: Built for Awe**

The nimble *National Geographic Sea Bird* is designed to provide up-close encounters in the planet's wildest places.

In Alaska, that might mean taking you to the face of a towering glacier or gliding

into a secluded bay to observe a pod of whales. Our fleet of Zodiacs allows us to sail without being dependent on ports or piers, while kayaks and paddleboards let you paddle into inlets and coves for a closer look at sea lions or to safely observe a feeding bear.

Beautifully appointed cabins and common areas reflect the artistic traditions of the region, while our sustainable food program gives you a taste of Alaska's wild bounty, from freshly caught salmon and Dungeness crab to locally brewed craft beers.

## **Actively Explore Every Day**

Our itinerary brings new Alaska adventures for every skill level. Set out on an invigorating hike beneath the giant trees of an old-growth forest, or examine ancient petroglyphs during a leisurely beach walk. Ride a Zodiac into mist-shrouded fjords and glide amid electric blue icebergs calved from a massive glacier. Spot swooping bald eagles while paddling a kayak or stand-up paddleboard, or watch for whales from the comfort of our ship's wide-open bow. Each adventure-filled day is capped off in the ship's welcoming lounge, sharing stories from your adventures with fellow travelers.



*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Ancient Alaskan petroglyphs in stone; humpback whale performs tail-slaps in Icy Strait; daily hike alongside an expert naturalist; hop on a kayak to enjoy individual exploration. This page: National Geographic Sea Bird.*

# Travel with Inspiring Experts

## A World-Class Expedition Team

Each of our guides—from our naturalists to our expedition leaders—is committed to ensuring you have an unforgettable experience. We curate each expedition team to ensure that you are getting in-depth perspectives from veteran and locally based experts who have deeply personal connections to Southeast Alaska. Exploring in small groups, you will have the opportunity to hear different perspectives every day, and because there are no group assignments, you can gravitate toward naturalists who share your interests.

## Take Great Photos with the Pros

On a voyage with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic, photography is never an afterthought—it's central to the expedition experience. A Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI) joins our voyage to help you with everything from camera settings to composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can stand side by side with top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with extraordinary images of Alaska's fjords, glaciers, and wildlife that you can revisit for years to come.



*Opposite page (clockwise from top): Capture incredible waterfalls and lush landscapes in Misty Fjords National Monument; nature's bounty in Bailey Bay; totem pole at Saxman Village tribal house; expedition team helps guests prepare for kayaking. This page: Take advantage of spectacular golden hour light with tips from our certified photo instructor.*



# Voyage Itinerary

Experience the grandeur of pure Alaskan wilderness on this compact, six-day expedition along the wild shores of the Inside Passage. Witness the electric blues of iceberg-dotted LeConte Bay or Tracy Arm and navigate narrow channels like Behm and Blake, as well as Walker Cove in Misty Fjords National Monument. Board Zodiacs to explore Prince of Wales Island and take kayaks and paddleboards into salmon-studded waters to trace the rugged, wildlife-rich shorelines of Kupreanof Island.

## DAY 1 • Ketchikan/Embark

Arrive in Ketchikan, the southernmost city in Alaska, spread at the base of sylvan slopes on Revillagigedo Island. Its many monikers, from “salmon capital of the world” to “rain capital of Alaska,” capture the spirit of this city, famous for colorful buildings and abundant fishing boats and canneries. Embark *National Geographic Sea Bird* for cocktails and an introduction to the vessel, staff, and crew. (B)



## DAY 2 • Misty Fjords National Monument

Wake this morning to catch the sunrise over the stunning cliffs of Misty Fjords National Monument, rising more than 2,000 feet above the deep blue waters of the fjord. Watch wisps of cloud drift down the winding waterway and drape over green peaks as we cruise through the mists that give this extraordinary landscape its name. Set out by Zodiac and kayak to get close to the forested banks and the many dramatic waterfalls cascading down the cliffs. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3 • Wrangell

This morning, arrive in the small town of Wrangell, situated on an island of the same name. The Tlingit and their ancestors have made Wrangell Island their home for thousands of years. Take an optional jet boat ride up the Stikine River or explore town on a tour that includes a visit to Chief Shakes Tribal House and the ancient rock carvings at Petroglyph Beach. This afternoon we cruise Eastern Passage and Blake Channel, narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island where other ships rarely venture.

On select departures, choose an optional day trip to Anan Creek Bear Observatory to witness black and brown bears feasting on salmon runs

(additional \$390 per person). Speak with your expedition specialist for details. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 4 • Sumner Strait**

Navigate the stunning Wrangell Narrows, an area inaccessible to larger ships, and then cruise into the Sumner Strait, keeping watch for surfacing sea otters, orcas, and humpback whales. Explore the coast by kayak or Zodiac and go ashore to trace bear trails



*Misty Fjords National Monument.*

through forests crisscrossed by crystalline salmon streams. Along the way, learn about the rainforest ecosystem from our naturalists. Fix your binoculars on the water's edge to search for the Sitka black-tailed deer and moose as well as black bears, wolves, and bald eagles that frequent the shoreline in search of plentiful salmon. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5 • LeConte Bay or Tracy Arm**

Today we explore either LeConte Bay or Tracy Arm, some of the most glacially active parts of Southeast Alaska. Icebergs regularly break off from tidewater glaciers, getting caught in shallow moraines and along the shorelines as they float out of the bay. Our experienced captain will evaluate the underwater moraine outside of LeConte Bay or Tracy Arm, where we'll set out by Zodiac to navigate among these surreal floating sculptures. Take advantage of spectacular photographic opportunities, practicing the tricks and tips imparted by our certified photo instructor. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6 • Juneau/Disembark**

Arrive in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, situated on the banks of the Gastineau Channel at the base of Mount Juneau and Mount Roberts. Enjoy breakfast before disembarking. (B)

### **Denali National Park Pre- or Post-Voyage Extension • 7 Days • From \$8,950**

Discover the wildness that lives at the heart of Alaska with an inland exploration of Denali National Park. Arrive in style aboard the first-class, glass-domed train cars of the Alaska Railroad, featuring original Alaska art and a private outdoor viewing deck. Enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities, including a Tundra Wilderness Tour with opportunities to spot Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves, and grizzly bears; river rafting on the Nenana River; and pup cuddling at Husky Homestead—the sled dog training facility of four-time Iditarod winner Jeff King. Throughout, you'll enjoy Denali's natural and cultural history, plus locally sourced cuisine.

# National Geographic Sea Bird



Nimble and intimately scaled, *National Geographic Sea Bird* can easily navigate places inaccessible to larger ships. She can venture into fast-moving channels where whales come to feed, nose up to waterfalls in secluded coves, and sail into small bays perfect for snorkeling and kayaking. Inviting public spaces foster a sense of shipboard life where everyone is integral to the adventure, engendering a rewarding sense of community.

## Capacity

31 outside cabins accommodating 62 guests.

## Registry

United States.

## Overall Length

152 feet.

## Public areas

The ship features a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables; and LEXspa. An open Bridge provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.



The lounge is the center of life aboard ship.

## Meals

Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu emphasizes local fare.

## Accommodations

All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with Wi-Fi and multiple electrical and USB outlets. Botanically inspired shampoo,



Category 2 cabin with single beds.

conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essentials Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles, and an atlas are available in each cabin.

## Expedition Equipment

Zodiacs, kayaks, bow camera, and video microscope.

## Staff & Crew

Every member of our staff is committed to ensuring our guests have an unforgettable experience. Many of our veteran guides and naturalists are locally based in your destination and have worked with us for decades. A full-time medical professional, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist (except on river expeditions) are on board. With a low staff to guest ratio, you can hear different perspectives and gain new insights every day.

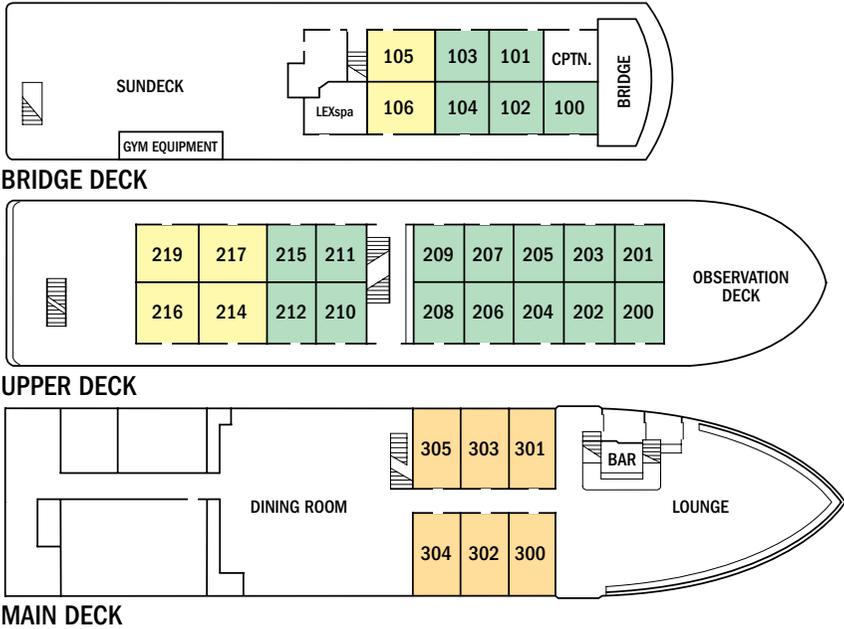
## Wellness

The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa, and outdoor stretching area.

## Sustainability

From our carbon neutrality initiatives to the locally sourced food we serve on board, our expeditions are designed around the well-being of our world. Travel with peace of mind, knowing that green practices are embedded in our operations and that each voyage gives back to the places we explore.

# Ship Deck Plan & Pricing



## Voyage Dates

June 12-17, 2025

## Advance Payment Details

15% of the cabin fare, per person

Costs are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

5% Savings

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>\$5,152</b>	<b>\$4,895</b>
<b>Main Deck #300-305</b> – Conveniently positioned between the dining room and lounge, these cabins feature two single beds and a large view window.		
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>\$6,402</b>	<b>\$6,082</b>
<b>Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215</b> – These well-located cabins include two single beds and a window.		
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>\$7,422</b>	<b>\$7,051</b>
<b>Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219</b> – These cabins feature a seating unit with table and two large view windows. Upper Deck cabins include two lower single beds which can convert to a double bed and a pull-out single bed for a third person; Bridge Deck cabins include two lower single beds only.		
<b>Category 1 Solo</b>	<b>\$7,727</b>	<b>\$7,341</b>
<b>Category 2 Solo</b>	<b>\$9,600</b>	<b>\$9,120</b>

**Note:** Solo occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

**Shared Accommodations:** Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.

## INCLUSIVE PRICING

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- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and airport transfers, as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced where possible
- 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water
- Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits. We are also pleased to offer a selection of super premium wines and liquors, available for purchase
- Gratuities to local guides
- The guidance and company of our leading expedition staff
- Presentations by our expedition staff
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- The services of a medical professional
- 24-hour access to the lounge, observation decks, and other shared spaces
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to fitness equipment
- Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- Assistance by the onboard photo instructor
- Special access permits, park and entrance fees, and port taxes
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

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**SPECIAL 5% GROUP SAVINGS:** Save 5% on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with the University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Association. Valid on this departure date of *Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell, and the Misty Fjords*, for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

**CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES:** Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, \$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Call for details.

**BRING THE KIDS:** Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off the double-occupancy price for each person under the age of 18. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and, are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

**COST INCLUDES:** All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; crew gratuities; REAL ID, passport, visa, and immigration fees; items of a personal nature such as certain super premium wines and liquors, spa treatments, laundry, enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans, and phone services.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

**RESERVATIONS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:** Travel protection and medical insurance are available at extra cost. Information will be sent from the University of Colorado Boulder Alumni Association upon registration.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

## CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

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**120 or more days** prior to expedition start: **No penalty:** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition\*\*

**119-90 days** prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost\*\*\***

**89-0 days** prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost\*\*\***

\*\*Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.

\*\*\*Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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# Reservation Form

## Contact Information

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**Please send reservation to:**  
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## Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell, and the Misty Fjords

**JUNE 12-17, 2025**

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## Passenger Information

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_ place(s).

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name as it appears on I.D.)*

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name as it appears on I.D.)*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:  Double  Single  Twin share with a friend  
 Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on the **Denali National Park pre- or post-voyage extension.**

**Advance Payment Information:** 15% of the cabin fare per person.

If paying by check, please make check payable to **Lindblad Expeditions.**

Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.

# Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell, and the Misty Fjords

## Expedition Highlights

- See humpback whales, brown bears, and bald eagles—iconic Alaskan wildlife.
- Sail the scenic Misty Fjords National Monument, and ride Zodiacs amid the electric blue icebergs of LeConte or Baird Glacier.
- Hike through moss-draped woodlands and uninhabited islands with our special use permit from Tongass National Forest.
- Visit a tribal house and see ancient petroglyphs on remote Wrangell Island.
- Travel with expert naturalists and a certified photo instructor.
- With the National Geographic Global Explorers program, kids and teens can learn about the region through immersive, hands-on activities.

### 100% CARBON NEUTRAL AND COMMITTED TO BEING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE

We have chosen Lindblad Expeditions because they care deeply about the planet and see travel as a powerful force for good.

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