



ALASKA 3 - Cruise

PHOTO TOUR - Starts Juneau and finishes in Wrangell.
July 26 - August 3, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

- Only 6 adventurers - how exclusive!
- We go places, in calm water, that the big cruise ships miss.
- Blue ice glaciers.
- Beautiful black bear (Brown are possible).
- Whale experiences from humpback to killer whales.
- Fantastic nature from flowers to ancient forests and stunning landscapes.

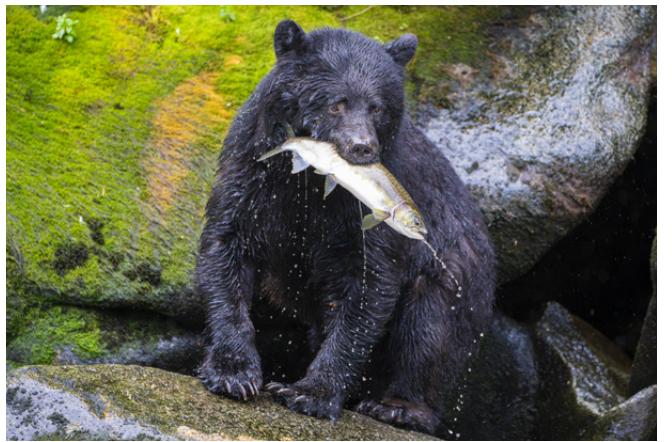
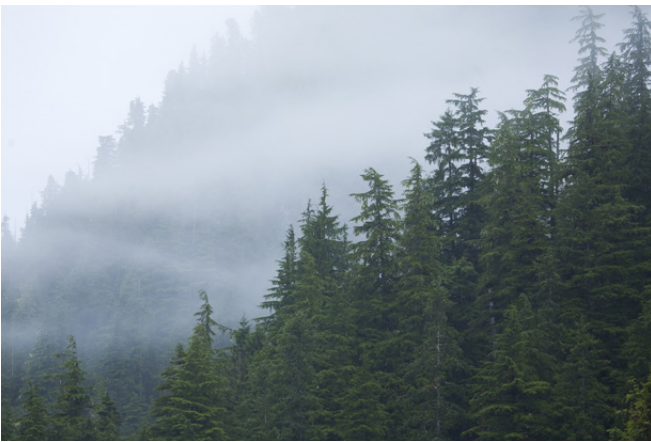
INCLUSIONS

- Professional WPA Photo escort - your images come first.
- All accommodation.
- All transport.
- Special fast boat tour.
- All meals, as per itinerary.
- Local expert guide.



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WHAT'S THIS ADVENTURE ABOUT?

Immerse yourself in the unparalleled beauty of Alaska on our 23rd tour, promising a truly unique holiday experience! Join us on an exclusive WPA small group cruise expedition aboard the 60' Dolphinus II, cruising calm protected waters with daily landings to explore the wild wonders of Alaska. Limited to only 6 adventurers, this intimate voyage ensures a personalised experience beyond compare. Get ready for unparalleled adventures as we navigate through snow-capped mountains enveloped in lush old-growth forests, providing a backdrop of unparalleled natural beauty. Our flexible itinerary includes visits to salmon streams, forest edges, meadows, vibrant flower gardens and river flats, showcasing the diverse habitats of Alaska. Follow in the footsteps of wildlife along ancient animal trails, where you may find yourself walking in the same path as the awe-inspiring brown bears, creating a connection with nature that few get to experience firsthand. Prepare to be captivated by the harmony of nature as you traverse these pristine environments, each step revealing a new facet of Alaska's untouched wilderness.

Fitness and Ability: Moderate fitness is the only requirement for this adventure. Most walks are short 1-2km and options are available. You do not need to be a photographic expert. In fact, we love to help those early in their photographic journey and we guarantee to help those more experienced to learn a few new points. The most important point - **YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMES FIRST!** Non photographic partners love our dedication to helping everyone and to quality time at quality locations.

Experienced and Qualified Team: WPA is backed by the expertise of Darran and Julia, who have over 80 years of combined experience in photography, travel, and tour industries. Their sons Pearce and Frazer also contribute their unique experiences and knowledge. With their extensive backgrounds, you can trust that you're in capable hands throughout the journey.

Registered and Insured Tour Operator: WPA is a registered tour operator with the Australian Quality Tourism Program (Tasmania based) and is covered by Tour Operator Insurance. This accreditation ensures that the business adheres to strict standards and procedures, providing you with peace of mind and professionalism.



For more details, go to:

<https://www.qualitytourismaustralia.com/australian-tourism-accreditation-program/>

By joining WPA: you'll have the opportunity to explore and photograph some of the world's most stunning locations while being guided by experienced professionals who are passionate about creating memorable journeys.



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ITINERARY TO ADVENTURE...

DAY 1 - JUNEAU

July 26

Services start today. We transfer from the hotel to Juneau Port (Julia will suggest a hotel in Juneau. Pre tour accommodation is not included. Transfer is included this morning.) We board the Delphinus II this morning - the adventure begins! Times will be re-confirmed by your WPA guide the night before. We meet our skipper and crew and after an orientation aboard Delphinus II, we depart for the wilds of Alaska! There may be orcas and whales on the journey! Our itinerary is flexible to target the most recent information of the best nature in the region. We are likely to start with the Stephens Passage and Holkham Bay, Endicott Arm and the Ice Kingdom. This region is a very active place and the home to much wildlife—humpbacks, black and brown bears, river otters, harbour seals pupping on the ice pans, and large flocks of scoters and other birds. (L,D)

DAY 2 - ALASKA WILDERNESS

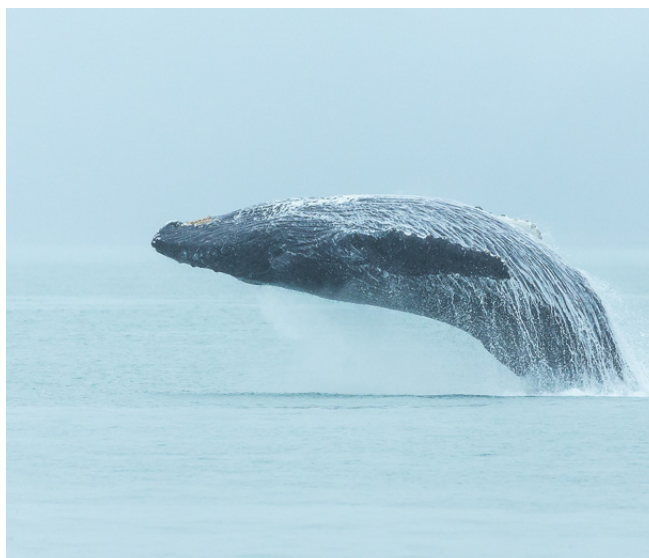
July 27

Today we spend more time in Endicott Arm. Travel to Seymour Canal and possibly Pleasant Bay for the night. The itinerary is open and depends on nature experiences and conditions. Your skipper and crew will use years of experience to maximise your comfort and enjoyment of this stunning wilderness region. (B,L,D)

DAY's 3/4 - ALASKA WILDERNESS

July 28/29

Pack Creek is the best known bear reserve in Southeast, and well it should be. It is only a very small part of Admiralty Island, and an even less significant part of Alaska as a whole. Yet it is here we have one of the best chances for watching brown bears truly be bears (when the salmon are in). The bears will probably ignore us, as people are and have been a constant their entire lives. Here, again, there is much more than bears. We once saw a white raven and several species of gulls and many eagles are attracted by the wealth of salmon. Windfall Harbour right next door, is also worthy of a visit and this trip will do so. We will depart in the early evening for our nightly anchorage. (B,L,D)



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DAY's 5/6 - ALASKA WILDERNESS

July 30/31

The next few days will be spent with the whales of Frederick Sound, numerous actively feeding humpbacks, occasional orcas and common bow-riding Dall's porpoise. This is the centre of a large number—sometimes in the hundreds—of summer time feeding humpbacks. This is the same population that goes to Hawaii in the winter for breeding and calving. There are also other marine mammals including Steller sea lion rookeries and harbour seals. Both of these are sometimes the food of the so-called transient orcas. Resident (fish eating) orcas also regularly use the area, so you need to always be on the look out for these exciting animals. You will also go ashore in some jewel-like temperate rain forest settings. Perhaps most importantly, you will have time to get lost in your own thoughts, feelings, and photography. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 - ALASKA WILDERNESS

August 1

A continuation of Frederick Sound with many options. As always our goal is to put you in the place of maximum opportunity and to emphasize the things that most interest you. There are weeks and weeks—even a life-time—of opportunities here. You are moving out of Frederick Sound now, heading further south past Petersburg (a small fishing town with strong Norwegian heritage), the Wrangell Narrows (a major shipping lane and bottleneck due to its narrowness and numerous hazards), the town of Wrangell and the narrow passage between Wrangell Island and the mainland. We will probably anchor and spend the night in Berg Bay with possibilities to go ashore. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - ALASKA WILDERNESS

August 2

Early in the morning we will depart our anchorage and arrive at the Anan Creek bear reserve. This is a special place, even without the bears. It provides a bay, lagoon, reversing waterfalls, a walk through an old growth temperate rain forest, stream, more water falls, and a bear observatory/photo blind. The observatory is located above the falls and provides a bit of shelter in case of rain. You can watch the bears at the falls below you, in the stream, and often beside you as the bears move between the creek, falls, and surrounding forest. The photo blind is located right at the level of the falls, eye to eye with the bears. It is available for 30-minute periods by signing up when reaching the observatory. The stream itself is full of migrating salmon that are the central link in the story of the energy cycle of Southeast Alaska. In the evening, we will start back to Wrangell. (B,L,D)



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DAY 9 - WRANGELL - tour ends

August 3

This may be the last day, but it is a very busy and exciting one. We start to cruise to Wrangell. Again, fantastic scenery and nature. One last surprise fast boat adventure up the Stikine River. We say surprise as it is different and guarantees you new and imagery and experiences. Look out for moose! We arrive in port and the end of our adventures. We suggest that you overnight in Juneau before continuing your journey as we can not guarantee an arrival time and linking your flight. In port, we say goodbye to Ronn and the crew. Extra accommodation can be booked as close as next to the arrival jetty - the Stikine Inn. (B)

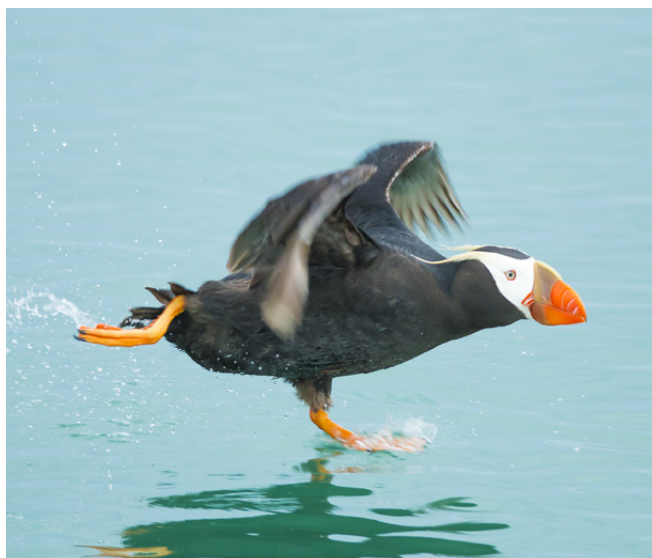
(B,L,D) - Confirms if Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner - are included that day. Itinerary and price is subject to change.

THE DELPHINUS II

The Delphinus II is a refurbished vessel that is customised to offer unique small group wilderness cruising experiences - this is rare in Alaska and so different to the huge cruise ship experience. The Delphinus II can explore locations that the larger ships can only dream about. Cabins are small and serve as sleeping quarters only. It is the rest of the ship that you will love for deck space, 360 degree shooting and the mixed opportunities of sitting with the skipper (he can answer all questions...) to watching the wilderness, to going on the higher deck for unobstructed viewing. We have sailed with skipper Ronn and his team several times and can say you are in for a special wilderness adventure with one of the most experienced teams in all of North America!

RONN PATTERSON - OWNER/CAPTAIN OF DELPHINUS II

Ronn Patterson is a naturalist by profession, a marine biologist by training, a student of whales by practice, a professional photographer by habit, a teacher by inclination, and a writer by requirement. For over thirty years he has led natural history trips to such places as Africa, the Amazon, the Andes, Baja California and Mexico, the Galapagos, and Alaska. Ronn founded the Natural Environmental Studies Program for the University of California Extension at Berkeley. During the fourteen years he directed that program, he also directed biology instruction and founded and directed the UC Extension Photography Program. He has also been a whale consultant and biologist for the U.S. Government as well as a delegate to and member of the Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission.





TOUR COST - AU\$14,995.00 Twin Share per person

Details include, as per itinerary - small group size of just 6 adventurers - multiple boat trips in protected waters, accommodation, meals, access to unique photo opportunities - captain/deckhand/cook, and professional photographer/guide.

EVENT DEPOSIT REQUIRED - AU\$3,000.00 pp.

Please read our terms & Conditions and fill in our booking form. At this time, you should organise travel insurance, including deposit protection insurance. Note that your deposit is refundable up to one year before departure, except for a AU\$500 cancellation fee. After this time, deposits are non refundable. For your protection, take out deposit protection and comprehensive travel insurance.
NB: Some events have special terms and conditions.

ACCOMMODATION

If requested, we will try our best to find someone to share with you. On most occasions this is possible. However, part of the booking conditions is that a single supplement is applicable if no one is available to share. This offers you a private room throughout the adventure.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - Due to the small ship size, single accommodation is not available. However, check with Julia in case of a rare chance.

TO BOOK & FOR OUR TERM & CONDITIONS: Please use our on line booking form:
<https://worldphotoadventures.com.au/booking-form/>

Or ask Julia for our booking form with T&C's.

NEED MORE HELP?

For booking contact Julia:
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For equipment or tour information, contact Darran:
darran@worldadventures.com.au
or call - 0416205330

SICKNESS WHILE TRAVELLING

Viruses, bacteria and other health risks have always been possible when travelling. We select accommodation and operators to limit risk to your health. Before departure, we suggest that you consider limiting your exposure to large groups and other high risk location/situations at least 7 days before departure. Please bring face masks, and hand sanitizer. Should you feel unwell during the event, please let your tour leader know ASAP. Some form of isolation maybe required, or professional medical help maybe sort. Your tour leader is happy to help at all times. Please look at the following site for more helpful details. You can also register at this site for updates.
<https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au>



THE COST INCLUDES

- All cruise tour costs as per itinerary.
- Accommodation - cabins.
- All meals as detailed in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to parks as per itinerary.
- Professional photo guide.
- Local expert skipper/crew.
- Special tours as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International Air tickets & flights
- Personal expenses
- Items not included in the itinerary
- Tips and drinks
- Travel Insurance

PRE TOUR

Accommodation, and services start for this tour - DAY 1 in Juneau. All travel services before this are not included. We suggest that you arrive in Juneau at least 48 hours before this tour starts. This timing will give you a chance to relax and acclimatise to the new time zone. We generally commence booking pre/post tour accommodation/flights about 8/9 months before departure.

NOTE: This itinerary is flexible to allow your guides to maximise your photo and travel interests to weather and unique opportunities. Specific targeted subjects will be offered the night before departure each day. This will offer you 'the best of the region'. Meals not included in the itinerary, are organised to 'fit in' with the days shoots.

FINAL ITINERARY

Note that a final itinerary will be sent to you about one month before departure. This document also includes further tips like clothes. You can contact Darran earlier for more assistance.

IMPORTANT

To make sure you book the correct dates and times, we would request the following:

1. Don't purchase any air tickets, until our guides flights have been booked, which we will do approximately 8 - 9 months prior to the tour departure. We will advise you when the guides flights are booked and you can then use this itinerary, to help you use points or similar. This will also coincide with confirming the tour departure, making sure we have met minimum passenger numbers for the tour and the logistics of the tour have not changed.
2. We suggest you arrive a minimum of 24 hours prior to the tour departure - even 48 hours - to help with jet lag and in case of airline delays.



There are many reasons our tours are so successful. Here are just a few ...

WHO BOOKS OUR PHOTO HOLIDAYS?

From animated 'point and shoot' amateur photographers to seasoned photographic veterans, we get a broad cross-section of photo enthusiasts on every tour. Not super keen on snapping? No problem. You are still guaranteed a great time. Whether your finger never leaves or hits a camera during a tour, you will have an unforgettable experience. Our unique locations, top guides and small travel groups ensure it. While our clients vary in age and experience, all attend with the same goal – to have a fantastic holiday. We ensure every client gets exactly that.

UNTAMED QUALITY AND EXPERIENCE

With over 100 years of combined experience in tailoring premium travel quests, our family team ensures you never settle for less than the best. We predominately offer lovely 4 star accommodation for your comfort and enjoyment.

EXCEPTIONAL END-TO-END EXPERIENCE

We work towards delivering the time of your life. Our office gem Julia helps you with all your pre-and post-tour needs. Once you are 'out in the field,' our professional local drivers and guides are right by your side. Your photo guides are the best in the world! World Photo Adventures and its expert team know this beautiful land better than anyone.

GREAT TOURS COME IN SMALL GROUPS

Small group travel gives you flexibility and the ability to follow your interests. That's why we keep our group sizes small so you can savour your travel experience.

FIRST TIME ON TOUR WITH US?

We'll happily answer your questions, offer advice or connect you with the experiences that will satisfy your wanderlust. Contact Julia at: julia@worldadventures.com.au

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Your safety and security are essential to us. Apart from the experience of your WPA guides, our local operators are outstanding and very experienced in local cultures and customs. Our itineraries, accommodation and tour information all add up to helping you enjoy a great adventure.

Julia is happy to help with any further questions - julia@worldadventures.com.au