

## Alaska's Prince William Sound Aboard the 12-Guest *Pacific Provider*

### Expedition Highlights

Prince William Sound's calm, protected waters and over 3,800 miles of coastline offer a vast diversity of wildlife. It is also home to the densest concentration of tidewater glaciers on the planet, and surrounded by pristine Chugach National Forest, the second largest in the United States. Join us on the region's only tour of its kind as we explore this remote and captivating ecosystem. From cascading waterfalls to rivers flush with salmon during the spawn, we'll share the best of Prince William Sound with you. Catch a wild salmon and have it prepared on our back deck grill for dinner. Witness calving glaciers up close from the intimacy of a small boat. Explore unspoiled coastlines and trek the forests—we'll design an experience expressly for you.

- Create your unique adventure from a range of activities each day
- Kayak remote coves and unspoiled shorelines alongside rafts of local otters
- Catch Chinook, Coho and Sockeye salmon, rockfish and lingcod, or gather fresh prawns; our private chef will prepare them for your next meal or vacuum seal your catch to take home
- Encounter pods of humpback whales and orcas across Prince William Sound
- See breathtaking tidewater glaciers calve into the sea from your tender, or hike to them onshore
- Experience truly remote wilderness—the “Last Frontier”—next to a roaring driftwood bonfire
- Hike old-growth forests and feel Alaska's magnitude as you're surrounded by towering trees
- And everything is included (excluding airfare and gratuity):
  - Spacious, private staterooms
  - Three fresh, chef-prepared meals daily
  - All snacks and beverages, including our well-stocked open bar
  - High-end adventure gear for fishing, kayaking and hiking
  - A maximum of 12 guests and 8 crew
  - Airport transfers
  - One night hotel accommodations at the scenic Anchorage Lakefront Hotel



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**Day 1: Saturday**

Arrive in Anchorage where you are picked up from the airport and taken to the Lakefront Anchorage Hotel. Settling in with the anticipation for your upcoming adventure, you get to take in the first stunning views for what lays ahead. Enjoy your afternoon exploring the area, keeping an eye out for moose and bald eagles. End your evening with a nightcap watching the activity on Lake Spenard and Lake Hood, the world's busiest seaplane base, and a quintessential method of transportation unique to Alaska.

**Day 2: Sunday**

After an easy morning in Anchorage and a complimentary plated Alaskan breakfast, you'll be picked up by private shuttle and brought to the small port town of Whittier. Crew members will bring your luggage to your private stateroom aboard *Pacific Provider*. After a tour of the boat, you'll meet the rest of the crew for a safety briefing and find out what lies in store for the week. Departing in the early afternoon, we'll navigate to a hidden cove, where we'll spend the afternoon and evening exploring the shore or paddling kayaks. Later, you'll get to know your fellow travelers over cocktails and a fabulous chef-prepared dinner. As humpback whales pass by, you'll know you're about to have an experience that goes far beyond the destination.

**Day 3: Monday**

Awake to a steaming cup of coffee or tea and take in the magnificent views from the back deck. After a hot breakfast, we'll board the skiffs to view the massive tidewater glaciers in Blackstone Bay—Tebenkof, Ripon, Lawrence, Marquette and Blackstone, among others, all offer multiple opportunities to see glaciers calve, as well as observe incredible hanging glaciers mountainside. You'll enjoy the action from the skiffs, with hot cocoa (and perhaps a little Bailey's) to stay warm from the katabatic winds whipping down the



ancient ice flows. After an amazing lunch onboard featuring the freshest local ingredients, we'll sail north to Ziegler or Granite Bays to spend the afternoon exploring the shoreline or lush woods on the Alaskan mainland. Our flexible itinerary means you can take a skiff out in search of salmon, or try your luck dropping shrimp pots in the water. After dinner, socialize in the salon while enjoying a nightcap served over real glacial ice hauled from the water and pulled onboard, as you discuss the day's adventures and watch photos from your time at the glaciers.

**Day 4: Tuesday**

If you dropped shrimp pots the night before, wake early to gather your catch. After breakfast, we'll come ashore on Esther Island to tour a remote salmon hatchery with experts dedicated to maintaining the critical salmon populations in Prince William Sound—and keep your eyes peeled for bears prowling the shoreline in search of fish. During lunch, we'll traverse the sound looking for marine wildlife, including humpback whales and orcas. Making our way to Naked Island in the middle of the sound, we'll search for rafts of sea otters in the kelp, getting up close in our skiffs for that perfect photo. You'll experience true solitude on the island, recognizing just how small we really are within the overwhelming magnitude of Alaska. After another incredible Chef Dave dinner, we'll end the evening with beachside bonfire, witnessing the majesty of Prince William Sound, far from any sign of humanity.

**Day 5: Wednesday**

Wake up this morning ready for adventure, as we cruise towards Valdez Arm, weaving our way through humpback whales feeding on herring and keeping our eyes peeled for transient orca pods hunting in the water. After breakfast, we'll anchor for a truly wild day on Shoup Bay. Putting kayaks in the water, we'll paddle deep into the bay, beaching our boats where we can come face-to-face with an active, but stable glacier. With no fear of calving, we'll explore the glacier and ice caves at the head of Shoup Bay, including the opportunity to walk right up to the ice and touch it. Getting back in our kayaks, we'll paddle down the inlet and back to the boat for an incredible lunch using fresh local ingredients. *Pacific Provider* will head south, so you spend the afternoon fishing the remote shorelines for salmon. Catch one—a likelihood—and our private chef will prepare it as our sashimi appetizer during cocktail hour!

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### Day 6: Thursday

As we make our way south, be sure to keep a vigilant eye as we navigate through this rich summer habitat of humpback whales. We'll spend the day in Port Fidalgo, with the option of angling for salmon along the remote shoreline. Or choose to spend the day kayaking with sea otters in Two Moon Bay, or hiking along a salmon-choked river and learning about the salmon run—an unforgettable experience with thousands of fish fighting their way up the river. All the while, we'll be surrounded by majestic bald eagles, and view the many bears lumbering about (from a safe distance) as they gorge on salmon in preparation for hibernation. Onboard *Pacific Provider*, we'll enjoy our own feast, as Chef Dave creates a gourmet meal from our catch of the day and other local fare.

### Days 7 & 8: Friday & Saturday

Anchored off of Hawkins Island and Hichinbrook Islands, we'll end our adventure in spectacular fashion. Taking the skiffs to shore, we'll travel overland to Boswell Bay Beach, on the Gulf of Alaska—a huge and volatile body of water that's been called the "Cradle of Storms," and far different from the calm refuge of Prince William Sound. The beach itself is a geological wonder, revealing evidence of the devastating 1964 earthquake, which pushed back the original shoreline more than a mile from today's waterline. Along the way, we'll watch for local deer, while keeping alert for derelict fishing buoys, some of which have drifted here from as far away from Japan. Back aboard *Pacific Provider*, we'll enjoy a final evening of relaxing with your fellow travelers and recounting the week's adventures with the crew who've made the trip you've always dreamed of an unforgettable reality. The next day, arriving in the tiny, remote town of Cordova, we'll say our sad farewells after an incomparable week of exploration, incredible cuisine and new, but lasting friendships. You'll have a little time before catching your flight, so take the opportunity to mingle with locals and shop in this picturesque Alaskan coastal town. We'll transfer you to the local airport where your bags (and preserved fish) await your short flight over the wild region you've just explored, and onwards to Anchorage.



### SHIP INFO, INCLUSIONS, DATES & RATES

**Ship Features:** Spacious top deck with Jacuzzi, indoor & outdoor dining areas and bars, staterooms with large observation windows and the option of king or twin beds.

**Inclusions:** All meals, snacks, open bar, the guidance of our expert staff, all activities and adventure gear, accommodations and airport transfers

**Dates:** 7-day voyages departing Sundays  
2018: May 27; Jun. 3\*, 10, 17\*, 24; Jul. 1\*, 8, 15\*, 22, 29\*; Aug. 5, 12\*, 19, 26\*; Sep. 2, 9\*

2019: May 12, 19\*, 26; Jun. 2\*, 9, 16\*, 23, 30\*; Jul. 7, 14\*, 21, 28\*; Aug. 4, 11\*, 18, 25\*; Sep. 1, 8\*

\*Ship travels in the reverse direction, from Cordova to Whittier, making the same stops.

#### Inaugural Season Special Offer:

Save up to 15% on your Alaska expedition during our inaugural season. Subject to availability.

- ~~\$8,900~~ \$7,900 per person, double occupancy
- ~~\$8,900~~ \$7,500 per person, double occupancy when you travel with 4 or more guests
- ~~\$15,000~~ \$12,000 per person, sole occupancy
- Full ship charter from ~~\$99,000~~ \$89,000 for 1 week

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