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## EXPLORE, DISCOVER & LEARN

Dear Sea Wolf Adventurer's,

We are thrilled you are going to be joining us for an adventure of a lifetime. Enclosed in this package are lists

- Packing List
- Suggested Reading List
- Forms that each person in your party need to fill out (please make a copy for each person). Please return these as soon as possible to help us to plan your adventure.
- Itinerary

### Travel Suggestions:

We suggest you arrive in Gustavus the night before your trip as sometimes mornings are foggy so flights can be un-timely or cancelled.

Alaska Airlines is our sole air provider to Juneau, Alaska. Alaska also flies a limited one time a day schedule into Gustavus starting mid June.

Another great way from Juneau to Gustavus is to hire a commuter plane so you have the afternoon to explore Gustavus and at the end of your Sea Wolf Adventure take a flight seeing tour back to Juneau over Glacier Bay. Alaska Sea Planes offers great flight seeing as well as seat fares Juneau – Gustavus and other small towns. It is an amazing and inspiring flight giving you a bird's eye view of where we explore.

Alaska Seaplanes: <http://www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com/>

### Gustavus:

Once in Gustavus The Gustavus Inn, Homestead Bed & Breakfast, Blue Heron and Annie Mae Lodge are all lovely places to stay. The park also has a concession lodge located in Bartlett Cove. The lodges will pick you up at the airport or if you wish you can rent a car from Bud's Rent a Car. These and other places to stay are all listed on a web site for Gustavus on [www.gustavusak.com](http://www.gustavusak.com) . We recommend a few days in Gustavus before your adventure-it's a great place to visit.

In Gustavus, 9 miles from the park there are great hiking trails, flat scenic bicycling, several galleries, and a few gift shops that you can bicycle to or your lodge may take you about as well. We have an organic food store and a traditional mercantile to purchase snacks, food items or gifts as well as a liquor store (limited hours of operation). Your Inn can arrange sport fishing or special whale watching cruises. Sean Nielson a local published photographer and excellent naturalist is available for full or half day nature hikes with or without photography instruction. Contact Sean at [sean@seanneilson.com](mailto:sean@seanneilson.com) or visit [www.glacierbayphototours.com](http://www.glacierbayphototours.com).

On Board Beverages: The MV Sea Wolf has a variety of non-alcoholic beverages on board. However we do not stock commercial soda pops or mixers. If you wish us to add these items please request this at least 3 weeks ahead of your departure. We do serve complimentary beer and wine at happy hour and dinner.

### Transportation:

The Lodges will make arrangements to bring you to the Sea Wolf at Bartlett Cove by 8:30 am on the morning of your departure. At the end of your adventure we have you at the Bartlett Cove Dock by 1 pm. We have made arrangements for TLC taxi to transport you to the airport or lodging. . This is included in your fare. You can schedule planes out from our commuter airlines after 3 pm or wait for the jet at 5:00.

#### Electrical:

We have electrical outlets in each room and guest areas for you to plug in your battery chargers. For Digital cameras we recommend you bring an extra battery so one can be charging during the day as after 10 pm we close down all generator produced electrical systems. We have reading lights above each bunk that operate on a nighttime inverter. We have flashlights in all rooms and deck lighting for ease of movement.

#### Staterooms:

Hair dryers and eco-friendly soaps shampoos and conditioners are supplied in each stateroom. Linens are only changed during our 10 or longer adventures- we believe in conserving water.

#### Emergency Contacts:

Shore staff is available to answer questions when Kimber is at sea. They can be reached by email at [kimber@seawolfadventures.net](mailto:kimber@seawolfadventures.net) or by phone at 907-957-1438. There is rarely cell phone range on the MV Sea Wolf. If there is an emergency and you need to be contacted they can call the GBNP Ranger Station. They in turn will radio us with the information and be our communications go between until we can get into cell range. The Back Country office number is 907/697-2627. Their hours of operation are 8:00 am - 4pm, 7 days a week with a 24 -hour emergency coverage.

#### Gratuities

Our guests often inquire about gratuities to express their appreciation. All tips are given at the total discretion of the guests and are greatly appreciated by the crew. As a general guideline current standards suggest 10-15% of the cost of the trip. Tips are given to the Captain preferably in cash and divided equally amongst the crew. An envelope will be provided. If you prefer to use a personal check, please write one to each crewmember.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions, as we want this experience to be an adventure of a lifetime. We are looking forward to sharing with you our beautiful wilderness.

Thank You for Choosing Sea Wolf Adventures

*Kimber Owen*

## **SEA WOLF ADVENTURES 6-DAY GLACIER BAY ITINERARY**

These itineraries are subject to change based on park area closures/openings, permits, weather, travel conditions and wildlife movements. Glacier Bay is a vast park with many spectacular fjords. We may also journey outside the park to Tongass National Forest or the beautiful Outer Coast Island's. We try to be where we should see whales, bears, sea lions, eagles, wild flowers and soaring landscapes but the anchorage may change dependant on the above. Other destinations may include Dundas Bay, Sundew Cove, Sebree Cove, Idaho Inlet, the East Arm and the Islands. Many times we are following the wildlife as they move with their food source so we like the flexibility so we can have the greatest viewing possibilities.

Day 1: Meet 8:30 AM at Bartlett Cove and board the Sea Wolf. We will assemble in the main salon for introductions, an orientation discussing safety, boat layout, amenities and your Alaskan adventure. We will cruise up bay to Geike Inlet for our first paddle. Along the way we will have a kayaking introduction and lunch. After lunch we are paddling. Geike is a beautiful fjord that may offer a glimpse of black bears, wolverines, mountain goats and a large variety of seabirds and ducks. Once back aboard we will cruise to our evening anchorage a few hours up the bay—a cruise filled with incredible vistas, wildlife on the beaches and possibly acrobatic whales in the waters. Along the way we will learn about the natural history of Glacier Bay, some of the research projects that the park is conducting and of course about the plentiful sea and wildlife. Dinner aboard the Sea Wolf and this is our evening anchorage watching the sunset over Glacier Bay. L D

Day 2: Breakfast at 8:00 am and we are off for a hike to Reid Glacier for an up close view of this glacially carved landscape. An easy hike up the mountain, down the beach and fording a few glacial streams will bring us to the face of Reid Glacier. Here we will learn about glaciers geology, plant and animal succession and explore among the grounded icebergs. We hunt for ice worms and for those so inclined we scoop up glacial silt for wonderful glacial facials. On our intertidal walk back, we look under rocks to discover what the bears feast on during low tide, brown bears, wolverine, small mammals and harbor seals and other creatures all live in this area. Lunch underway as we head to Tarr Inlet where the Grand Pacific and Marjorie Glaciers cascade into the water. Once here we will have a wonderful paddle along a sheer cliff, which is a Kittiwake and Puffin rookery and then out in front of Marjorie Glacier for a breathtaking experience as we watch an active calving glacier from a safe distance. Once we are back onboard we will cruise through Russell Cut looking for wildlife on our way to our evening anchorage.

Day 3: After an 8 AM breakfast it is off to Gloomy Knob looking for Mountain Goats and other wildlife. If conditions permit we will have a morning botany hike up Gloomy Knob for incredible views of the bay. Then off to an afternoon paddle at one of our anchorages that bring us close to the East Arm entrance. BLD

Day 4: Breakfast at 8:00 am as the engines are started and we will make our way up Muir Inlet, the East Arm of Glacier Bay. Our activities here depend on wilderness water opening/closing dates. We will go on an amazing hike by McBride Glacier with a paddle either up to Riggs Glacier or from Muir Glacier to Riggs. The shorelines have a great variety of shore birds, vista's and the possibilities of seeing bears, wolves or moose. Then once back to the boat we are off to our evening anchorage and dinner. Note: Options for this day are Dundas Bay, George Island and Idaho Inlet based on weather, park closures and wildlife. BLD

Day 5: Breakfast at 8 am. Sometimes we have a morning paddle at N. Sandy if the tides are right and if not we head down bay to another pristine paddle area. N. Sandy Cove is a very rich ecosystem that supports black bears, moose coyotes, and a plentiful marine environment. We kayak around the shores scanning for Black Bears and Moose then paddle over to Puffin Island for a truly wondrous look at a low tide vertical intertidal zone. This zone is home to hundreds of sponges, periwinkles, whelks, sea stars, sea cucumbers and urchins to just name a few species who literally hang here awaiting the return of the high tide. Back on board the Sea Wolf we will head to S. Marble Island to view a large Stellar Sea Lion Haul Out and a seabird-nesting rookery from the Sea Wolf. Then we cruise onward to Fingers Bay. BLD

Day 6: Breakfast at 8:00 am then we are off to Point Adolphus to look for more spectacular humpback whales. Our day is spent watching whales. Around 12:00 we will head back to Gustavus for a 1 pm docking. We will then have a walking tour of the Huna Tribal House and exhibits. TLC Taxi will then transport you to the airport for your flight to Juneau. If you are on the jet we can schedule a later taxi pick up and you can visit the lodge museum and bookstore. BL



# PACKING LIST

Because you are traveling in small planes and staterooms we suggest you pack lightly using a soft-sided duffle type luggage. **The most important clothing you can bring is good raingear, over the calf rubber boots and comfy clothes to wear.** All of our landings are wet landings. A few hikes can be dry once on the land. You can wear hiking shoes with waterproof NEOS in case we ford streams if that suits you better than boots. There is never bad weather in Alaska only bad gear ☺ so bring the best you can obtain. Shampoos conditioner, soap and blow dryers are provided.

	<b>Rain jacket, Good quality! Everyone should bring these!</b>
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	<b>Rubber boots (over the calf) NEO Trekkers are good water proof overshoes to wear over hiking shoes- our landing from skiff and kayak are wet, rocky and boots are required!!!!!!!!!!</b>
	Warm jacket or good heavy Fleece for under rain coat
	Clothing: Warm, fast drying and a layering system. (I.e.: Wicking layer, fleece top/comfy pants, raingear)
	Socks: Thin liners plus a thicker type over them is best for hiking.
	Onboard shoes: comfortable, rubber-soled like tennis shoes, Keens, or Tevas.
	Sun hat (one with a rim) waterproof would be good, too!
	Warm hat & warm gloves or ear covers (if you prone to being cold). Liners for our rubber kayaking gloves are great.
	Day Pack to carry your gear for longer hikes or kayaks.
	Water Bottle (we do sell these on board)
	Camera, Extra batteries, storage devices and cables. You will take a lot of pictures.
	Waterproof camera bag, or plastic zip lock bag, not Velcro as the noise scares the bears☹
	Binoculars: Waterproof and fog proof. Nikon Monarchs are a great choice for wildlife watching.
	Swim Suit: If you choose to swim in our Glacial waters
	Medications & prescriptions, aspirin, motion sickness tablets if needed, allergy pills. Sunscreen
	Walking Stick if are great for stability walking over moraines and other rocky area's.

*We serve complimentary beer and wine with dinner. You are welcome to bring any special wines or liquor on board. We do not carry soda on board but offer healthier drinks. If pop is a necessary, part of your diet please let us know several weeks a head of time. This is not a complete list for packing! If you do forget something, there are stores in Juneau and Ketchikan but only one in Gustavus. Bring everything you need!*

## Glacier Bay Reading List

Glacier Bay, The Land and the Silence by the Sierra Club

The Island Within by Richard Nelson: a spiritual Natural History Book

A Naturalists Guide to Southeast Alaska.

The Alaska Travel Journal of Archibald Menzies 1793-1794 by Olsen:

Travels in Alaska by John Muir: Printed by the Sierra Club

Land of the Ocean Mists, the wild ocean coast west of Glacier Bay by Francis Coldwell: About Lituya Area

Spirited Waters: by Jennifer Hahn: an inspirational solo Kayaking journey through the inside passage

The Tlingit: a reference guide to our indigenous people culture and history.

For Bird Lovers we suggest:

Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America by David Allen Sibley

Sibley Field Guide to Bird Life & Behavior by David Allen Sibley

Audubon Guide to North American Birds.

For Botanists enthusiasts we recommend:

Discovering Wild Plants, Alaska, Western Canada, The Northwest by Janice J. Schofield

Plants of Western British Columbia including Washington, Oregon and Alaska by Pojar & Mackinnon

The Bookstore at Glacier Bay National park has wonderful books on Alaska and Glacier Bay. Alaska Geographic is a great resource for all things Alaska.

[Alaska Geographic book store](#)

Other great websites are:

[Glacier Bay National Park](http://www.nps.gov/glba/index.htm) <http://www.nps.gov/glba/index.htm>

[NOAA Marine Mammals](http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/nmml/) <http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/nmml/>

[Alaska Fish & Game](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=viewing.main) <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=viewing.main>

The Sea Wolf has extensive naturalist library that is yours to enjoy once aboard.