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## Explore, Discover & Learn

### 2025 Glacier Bay Adventure

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:

- Itinerary
- Packing List
- Suggested Reading List
- FAQ's

- Please find **Guest Info Forms**, emailed to you, that each person in your party needs to fill out, at least 60 days in advance of your departure. We will use these forms to collect your basic contact and medical information, pertinent dietary info, travel/flight info, and provides our terms and agreements that requires signature. These are *required* forms and must be submitted to our office. Please ensure all guests in your party get the Guest Info Forms link. Email us if you cannot find it.

**Travel Suggestions:** To embark on your Glacier Bay Sea Wolf Adventure, you should plan to arrive into Gustavus (GST) by Saturday, the day prior to your adventure start. Air fare to and from Gustavus and pre and/or post adventure lodging in Gustavus is **not** included in your adventure fare. There are two airlines that offer service in and out of Gustavus, Alaska. It is not recommended to arrive into Gustavus on an early flight day of embarkation as many morning flights on Alaska Seaplanes are delayed or even canceled due to marine fog low visibility.

**Alaska Seaplanes** offers year-round, daily flights. Their summer schedules are published in the spring and offer multiple flight departures between Gustavus and Juneau starting as early as 5:30am and go as late as 7:30pm. Visit their website [www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com](http://www.flyalaskaseaplanes.com) to view their schedules and prices. **Alaska Airlines** seasonally offers one daily flight in and out of Gustavus June - August. Visit their website as flight times can slightly change [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com) Alaska Airlines Flight departs JNU around 4pm and arrives in GST around 4:30pm. These airline schedules are usually finalized and available for booking by February.

**Post Adventure Departure:** on Day 6 after dis-embarkation, we have arranged a taxi for you to be transported to the Gustavus airport. We recommend that you arrange to depart this day on Alaska Airlines flight 77 (unless you have made plans to spend more time in Gustavus) departing GST around 5:30pm and arriving JNU around 6pm. For May adventures, before Alaska Airlines service begins to GST, please do not schedule a flight departure on Alaska Seaplanes to Juneau prior to 4pm. There are connecting flights out of JNU that continue on to Seattle or Anchorage that same evening – or, some guests might choose to spend some time in Juneau to explore.

**Gustavus:** For lodging options, food options, transportation/taxi/rental car info, and activity suggestions visit Gustavus Visitor's Association website at <https://www.gustavusak.com> Gustavus is located nine miles from Glacier Bay National Park. Gustavus offers great hiking trails, flat scenic bicycling, a gallery and tea shop, and a few gift shops. There is a grocery store to purchase snacks, food items and gifts as well as a liquor store (limited hours of operation). For lodging we recommend checking out Cottonwood Lodge & Cabins, Glacier Bay Lodge, Blue Heron B&B, and AirBnB stays named The Yarrow's Nest and The Spruce Tip. Many lodges do not begin taking reservations until January. Be sure to inquire with your lodge of choice as to if they include ground transfers in their prices - if not, check out the taxi options for transfers.

**Embarkation and disembarkation day transportation:** Arrange with your lodge or taxi to arrive at the Sea Wolf, docked at Bartlett Cove, by 8:30 am on the Day 1, Sunday morning of your embarkation. At the end of your adventure on Day 6, we will have you at the Bartlett Cove Dock by 1pm, leaving you enough time to explore the Tribal House and Front Country of Glacier Bay National Park before your 4pm or later flight to Juneau. We have made arrangements for a taxi to transport you to the airport or lodging which is included in your fare.

**On Board Beverages and special requests:** We do serve complimentary beer and wine at happy hour and dinner. The MV Sea Wolf also has a variety of non-alcoholic beverages on board. However, we do not stock commercial soda pops, liquor or mixers. If you wish us to have any special food/drink items please request this in your Guest Info forms. We only accept special requests via our guest info forms, please do not email these to us as we cannot guarantee if requested this way. While we do not supply hard liquor, you may bring anything with you that you would like.

**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. CPAP machines can be powered overnight.

**Staterooms amenities:**

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

**Emergency Contacts:**

Shore staff is available to answer questions when Kimber is at sea. The best way to reach them is by email at [seawolffoffice@gmail.com](mailto:seawolffoffice@gmail.com) or by phone at 907-957-1438 however this phone is often on board the MV Sea Wolf where there is rarely cell signal. If there is an emergency and you need to be contacted they can call the GBNP Ranger Station. They, in turn, will radio the boat 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 15% of the cost of the per person fare. Tips can be given to the Captain, preferably in cash, and is divided equally amongst the crew. An envelope and adventure evaluation will be provided to you at the completion of the adventure. If you prefer to use personal checks to tip - you may choose to write a check to each of the five or six crew members.

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/5-NIGHT GLACIER BAY ITINERARY 2025

Day 1: Sunday - Arrange to arrive at Bartlett Cove Dock in Glacier Bay National Park for embarkation at 8:30am. We will assemble in the main salon for introductions and an orientation to discuss safety, boat layout and amenities, and details regarding 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 embark on a kayak outing. 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 is served aboard the Sea Wolf and this will be our evening anchorage - watching the sun set over Glacier Bay. L D

Day 2: Breakfast at 8:00 am and then 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, scoop up some mineral-rich glacial clay to enjoy its purifying powers to your pores: a glacial facial. On our inter tidal 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 is served underway as we head to Tarr Inlet where the Grand Pacific and Marjorie Glaciers cascade into the water. Once at our destination, we will enjoy a magical paddle along a sheer cliff rookery of Kittiwake and Puffins and then venture out in front of Marjorie Glacier/Johns Hopkins for a breathtaking experience as we watch an active calving glacier, from a safe distance. Once we are back on board we will cruise through Russell Cut looking for wildlife on our way to our evening anchorage. B L D

Day 3: After an 8 AM breakfast we will be 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 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 a memorable hike by McBride Glacier with a paddle either up to Riggs Glacier or from Muir Glacier to Riggs. These shorelines contain a great variety of shore birds, vistas and hold the possibilities of seeing bears, wolves and 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. If the tides are right we will enjoy a morning paddle at North Sandy and if not, we will head down bay to another pristine paddle area. North 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 inter tidal zone. This zone is home to hundreds of sponges, periwinkles, whelks, sea stars, sea cucumbers and urchins - just to name a few of the species who literally hang here awaiting the return of the high tide. Back on board the Sea Wolf we will head to South 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 and acrobatic humpback whales. Our day is spent watching these magnificent creatures. 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. A pre-arranged taxi will then transport you to the airport for the 4pm or later departing flight you have arranged, unless you have made plans to spend more time in Gustavus. BL

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 the 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 dependent 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.

# PACKING LIST

Because you are potentially 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 rain gear, over the calf rubber boots and comfy layers of clothes to wear.** All of our landings are wet landings. A few hikes can be dry once on the land. You can choose to wear good hiking shoes/boots with waterproof NEOS Trekkers over them in case we ford streams if that suits you better than boots. We do have NEOS Trekkers and rubber boots on board that you may borrow. 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 with hood or hat, Good quality! Everyone should bring these!</b>
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	<b>Rubber boots (over the calf) We do have some boots and NEOS TREKKERS overshoes worn over hiking boots, on board for you to borrow if you need them. Necessary for wet landings.</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). Gloves for using while paddling if your hands are cold when wet.
	Day Pack to carry your gear for longer hikes or kayaks.
	Water Bottle
	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 wildlife.
	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 Sticks are great for stability when 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 via Guest Info Forms. This is not a complete list for packing! If you do forget something, there are stores in Juneau 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](https://www.akgeo.org) <https://www.akgeo.org>

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.

## Sea Wolf Website FAQ's

### PACKING QUESTIONS:

Q: Your packing list says rain boots are crucial to have but I don't have any! Do I need to buy new boots?

A: No, we have you covered! We have all sizes of NEO's Trekkers over shoes for guests to borrow for wet landings, rainy hikes or exiting kayaks on the shore. NEO's Trekkers are nifty footwear that fit over your hiking boots. Check out more info on them here: <https://www.overshoesneos.com/page6.html> However, if you have rain boots that you are comfortable in feel free to bring them.

Q: The weather looks like it will be nice – do I really need to bring rain gear?

A: Yes! Rain is always a possibility in Southeast Alaska. A good quality rain jacket with a hood and pants are a must.

Q: How should I dress on the Sea Wolf? Do I need to bring anything nice?

A: All you need for clothing on the Sea Wolf are good layers of non-cotton; light wool or poly-pro type of under layers, a fleece jacket and vest or something similar for warmth, and a warm hat and gloves. If the sun comes out it will be warm – or even hot! You will want a lighter layer to be cool and a sun hat, and sun glasses. A pair of comfortable shoes for wearing aboard the boat and hiking boots or good trail shoes for adventuring on foot.

Q: Do I need to pack sun screen and/or bug spray?

A: We do stock sun screen and bug spray for guests to use on board the Sea Wolf. Unless you have special products you love to use, you can leave yours at home. But if you do bring your own, just remember TSA will not allow you to fly with aerosols of any kind.

Q: Do I need to bring soap, shampoo and conditioner?

A: No – eco friendly soaps, shampoo and conditioners are provided for you.

Q: I really need to use a hair dryer – do I need to bring my own?

A: No – each stateroom has a hair dryer.

Q: Can I do laundry while on my adventure? A: No, we do not have laundry available for guest use as we have a limited water supply and need to conserve water.

Q: I see you can accommodate passengers with mobility challenges - how do I know if this boat will be right for me? A: Anyone with mobility challenges needs to email or call us before booking so we can ensure the correct stateroom is available for you and to be certain our adventure can fit your needs.

### STATEROOM QUESTIONS:

Q: Can I choose my own stateroom?

A: You may request a specific stateroom via email. They are assigned on a first request basis. Staterooms on the main deck #2 and #3 will be assigned to those with mobility restrictions.

Q: I'm really tall. Is there a stateroom I should request that will offer a bed I will be more comfortable in?

A: Yes, stateroom #5 has the longest bunk.

Q: What are the bed configurations in the staterooms?

A: All staterooms have single over/under bunks.

#### DIETARY QUESTIONS:

Q: I have special dietary needs. I'm allergic to dairy, gluten, nuts, coconut, berries and eat a mostly vegan diet. Can you accommodate this?

A: Absolutely! The "Guest Info Forms" link that we email you to fill out and return to us is the best place to let us know about your special dietary requests. Please be specific as you can with as much information as possible. *I.e, is this a food sensitivity or a severe allergy?* Our expert chefs review this- weeks in advance to plan their menus – so getting this info to us early is better!

Q: Will alcohol be served?

A: A variety of beer and wine is served with dinner. If there are any specialty drinks you would like to have feel free to bring them with you.

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Q: Can I smoke or vape on the Sea Wolf?

A: No – we are a non-smoking / non-vaping vessel.

Q: Can I use marijuana products on the Sea Wolf?

A: No – the use of cannabis products are illegal in federal waters so please leave them at home.

Q: We are a family with children hoping to book an adventure. Do you allow children on board?

A: Children of certain ages and experiences are welcomed as guests on the Sea Wolf. We ask that you contact us first so we can further discuss your family's adventure to be certain it will be a good experience for you and your children.

Q: Will there be Wi-Fi or cell service available on the boat during my adventure?

A: No - sometimes you will go through spotty cell service but don't count on it. There is no Wi-Fi capability on the boat. Most of our guests are happy to leave it behind!

Q: What if there is an emergency with my family back home while I'm on my adventure? How can they get in contact with me?

A: Leave your family with our office email [seawolfoffice@gmail.com](mailto:seawolfoffice@gmail.com) which is checked regularly, our home base team in Gustavus can usually get in touch with the boat via our inReach communication or satellite phone.

Q: I have sleep apnea. Can I use my sleep apnea machine at night?

A: Yes – there is electricity available on the boat for this use at night.

Q: Do you accept credit cards?

A: No. You may pay your invoice either by sending a check from May to August to our **PO BOX 312 Gustavus, AK 99826** or from September to April **1567 Evergreen Ave Juneau AK 99801** or wire funds directly to our bank. Our bank account information is listed on your invoice - please notify our office email if you set up a transfer of funds so that we can look for it to arrive.