

Glacier Bay- Sitka 8 Day Itinerary

Arrival in Gustavus: Transfer to Glacier Bay Lodge (unless you opt to come early and fish). Attend a First Nations talk and tour of the Tribal House and dinner.

Day 1:

8:30AM board the Sea Wolf and attend a vessel orientation and safety. We will head up bay to Geike Inlet which has several salmon streams that should have fish heading up to spawn. We will have our first paddle here and hope to see bears and eagles in the streams and maybe a few Humpback whales foraging nearby. After our paddle we will pull anchor and head to an anchorage near Reid Glacier. LD

Day 2:

Breakfast at 8 AM and we are off to an exploration hike of Reid Glacier and Inlet. All eyes are also peeled for wildlife as Coastal Brown bears, Black bears, wolves and Moose live in the surrounding valley. Back on board for lunch and we will be heading to Johns Hopkins Fjord for an epic afternoon paddle a safe distance from this stunning active glacier framed by steep cliffs and soaring mountains. We will move our evening anchorage by Russell Island. BLD

Day 3:

Breakfast underway to Lamplough Glacier where we hike up to a bird's eye view of the glacier and descend down to the lateral moraine to possibly see calving icebergs. Back to the good ship Sea Wolf for lunch and a few leisurely hours as we will be cruising down Tar Inlet to the Marjorie and Grand Pacific Glaciers. Here we will paddle past a Black Legged Kittiwake rookery which also supports a small group of Puffins, both Horned and Tufted and past the face of the glacier to watch from a safe distance her possible calving. We will then continue on to our evening anchorage in Queen Inlet. BLD

Day 4:

Breakfast then a slow bell cruise past Gloomy Knob looking for wildlife and also whales, sea lions and porpoises. We will have lunch on board then go for an amazing geology paddle down Tidal Inlet which abounds with waterfalls, a great possibility of wildlife and birds. Depending on tide and wildlife we may have a hike along the river shed. Then we will head down bay to South Marble Island which is a Stellar Sea Lion Haul Out and Sea bird rookery. Otters, Sea Lions, Seals, Whales all forage in these waters as well as Puffins, Common Murres, Cormorants, several species of Gulls and Bald Eagles. We will then head our evening Anchorage at Fingers Bay. BLD

Day 5: Morning Hike from South to North Fingers and back. Lunch underway to Point Adolphus for whale watching on our way to Courverdan anchorage. BLD

Day 6: Underway to whale waters at Iyoukeen and anchoring up in Freshwater Bay for a paddle and a hike. We be anchoring in a small cove in front of an estuary system that supports a large population of brown bears. During fish runs, bears congregate near the entrance of a fish ladder that allows returning salmon access to their spawning streams, bypassing the dam-built decades ago to support logging operations. We will explore the bay by kayak and perhaps by foot. BLD

Day 7: Breakfast Underway from Freshwater Bay to Peril Straits. We will navigate our way through winding Peril Strait, where we will search the shores of the narrow passageway for the land creatures that travel this shoreline. We will kayak and hike along the way to our anchorage in Peril Straits.

Day 8:

Breakfast Underway to our next kayaking destination in Sitka Sound which is tide and weather dependent. We hope to see many species of Pelagic birds including Cassin's Auklets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Puffins, Murres and Pelagic Cormorants. Lunch underway. Arrival Sitka: 3:00 pm. With transportation to your lodging.

All itineraries are subject to changes due to weather, wildlife movement or whim.