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Alaska Inside Passage Exploration Ketchikan to Juneau 11-Days/10-Nights

Day 1: You will fly into Ketchikan with arrival around 2 PM. There is a water taxi from airport to Ketchikan and then a taxi to where the boat is moored. We will have an orientation, get settled in and then get underway to our evening anchorage. D

Day 2: We will be underway early and heading toward the eastern passages. This is a long travel day where when we find the opportunity, we will have our first paddle in the Southeast Alaska wilderness. Along the way we will be scanning for bears, migrating marine mammals and birds who all call this area home. This ancient forest is the oldest and most diverse forest in Southeast. BLD

Day 3: We will explore the Etolin Island Wilderness by foot and kayak. There is a beautiful hike if it is snow free up to Kunk Lake. We also will be paddling the shorelines looking for the Roosevelt Elk who were transplanted here in the 40's and of course Black and Brown bears and marine mammals. Our anchorage will be near the entrance to Wrangell Narrows. BLD

Day 4:

We will be underway early am the famous Wrangell Narrows, a 22- mile long channel offering safe inside waters for smaller vessels. We will pass by Wrangell, Alaska and then navigate through 60 navigation markers that guide us through its winding nature and navigation hazards. This is a beautiful passage to explore by cruising. Anchor up at the end of the passage for the evening, dinner underway. This is all about timing of the tides so there may not be an off-boat activity. Our anchorage will be in Scenery Cove. BLD

Day 5: We Will go for an introductory paddle in Scenery Cove in the morning and after lunch a hike onto the Baird Glacier Plain. For those not hiking we will do a skiff tour of the Artic Tern colonies and looking for bears and moose in Thomas Bay. Late afternoon we will head to our evening anchorage at The Brothers. All eyes peeled for Orca and Humpback whales in these waters. BLD

Day 6: After breakfast we will paddle around the Brothers Islands, a beautiful place to see stellar sea lions, maybe whales and lots of bird life and experience great paddling waters. We hope to see many whales along this passage. Late afternoon we will head to Gambier Bay hoping to see Brown Bears along the way.

Day 7: We will have breakfast underway as we cross Stephen's Passage on our way to Fords Terror in Endicott Arm. We will then anchor inside of a cove outside the entrance to Fords Terror. Enjoy an epic, one of the greatest in Alaska paddle or skiff or combo excursion into the terror. We will need to enter and exit at slack water in kayaks, so this is a long excursion

with a picnic lunch. There will be an option to go back in the skiff if the need arises or we can offer a skiff tour along with kayakers. BLD

Day 8: After breakfast we will have a short hike for those who want to see the terror from the cliffs above and then we will get underway for Dawes Glacier at the end of the ebb and catching the flood tide up to the Glacier. Lunch will be adrift amongst massive icebergs and the sound of thundering from Dawes Glacier. We will get as close as we can and launch our kayaks and skiff for an epic paddle/skiff in front of Dawes Glacier. We will end our day anchored off of Wood spit with a sweet view of the Sumdum Glacier.

Day 9: After breakfast we will have a paddle around Wood Spit being careful not to disturb the migrating and nesting birds that flock to this area. Lunch will be underway to Tracy Arm where at the end we will see the beautiful Sawyer Glacier. We will watch this glacier from the big boat and photograph all the amazing ice. Then we will cruise down to our anchorage near the mouth of Endicott Arm.

Day 10: We will get underway during breakfast. This will be a day of cruising and whale watching as these waters can be the most prolific for marine mammals. We will end our day in an anchorage near Juneau.

Day 11: Early morning cruise into Juneau and we after breakfast we will have our farewells and have arranged taxis to the airport by 10:00 AM.

This itinerary is very flexible depending on weather, wildlife and whim. The Inside passage offers over 500 miles of beautiful coastline to explore by boat, paddling or hiking.