

EXPLORERS
ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 13-20, 2021

with optional
DENALI NATIONAL PARK
PRE-TOUR

Discover
Southeast Alaska
by Small Ship





Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

Please join us for a summertime expedition through some of nature's more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the 76-guest *Chichagof Dream*.

Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader.

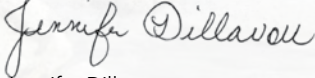
Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature's amazing show.

This program also offers an optional pre-tour to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay at a hilltop lodge with panoramic views just north of the park entrance, and learn how this magnificent landscape became one of our nation's most breathtaking conservation areas.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at uillinois.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,




Jennifer Dillavou

President, University of Illinois Alumni Association

<https://uiaa.org/explorers/>

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.

Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife, and native cultures of Southeast Alaska.

Aboard the nimble, 76-passenger *Chichagof Dream*, you'll have access to the breathtaking byways of Alaska's Inside Passage.

With skilled naturalists by your side, you'll encounter magnificent peaks and fjords, and ice-blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions—while learning about the traditions of Alaska's indigenous cultures.





Your 8-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Juneau – Embarkation (D)
Alaska State Museum, Mendenhall Glacier
Visitor Center
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 2: Icy Strait / Chichagof Island (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife viewing
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 3: Glacier Bay National Park (B,L,D)
Dynamic glaciers, ranger and cultural
presentations
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 4: Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife and
glacier viewing
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 5: Petersburg / Frederick Sound (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, Petersburg tour, hike
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 6: Eastern Baranof Island /
Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
Hidden Falls Hatchery
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 7: Lake Eva (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, hike, farewell dinner
Overnight: *Chichagof Dream*

Day 8: Sitka – Disembarkation (B)
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, typically not strenuous for guests with average mobility, including skiff rides, hiking, and kayaking. Walks and hikes are at a leisurely pace in order to see and learn as much as possible about the region. It's our expectation that guests are able to walk with good balance, and go up and down stairs easily without assistance. NOTE: The *Chichagof Dream* does not have an elevator.





Explore

- See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the *Chichagof Dream* or aboard its skiffs and kayaks.

Interact

- Accompanied by expert naturalists, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.
- Discover Alaska's culture and living history during a visit to the Alaska State Museum.
- Cruise around Glacier Bay National Park alongside a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide.

Admire

- Take a guided tour of the Norwegian fishing community of Petersburg.
- Joined by a Park Ranger, cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve to see the sanctuary's deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.

What's Included

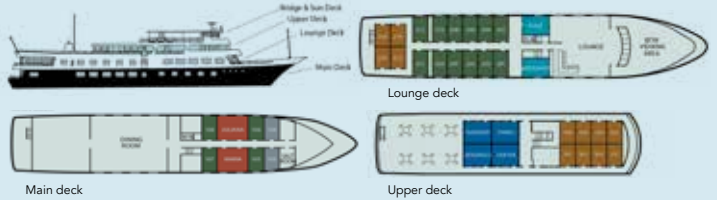
- 7 nights aboard the *Chichagof Dream*
- All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—including a special Captain's Farewell Dinner, and complimentary wine and beer at dinner
- An onboard lecture program and educational guidance of two expert naturalists, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, and a Park Ranger and Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide during a visit to Glacier Bay National Park
- Guided kayaking, hiking, walking, skiff excursions, and wildlife viewing
- All port fees and entry fees to parks, preserves, museums, attractions and special excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, airport transfer drivers, and drivers/guides on included land excursions
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





Accommodations

Aboard the *Chichagof Dream*, you will go where large ships cannot—gaining exclusive access to channels and bays full of wildlife.



The ship's well-appointed, intimate, and unassuming style allows travelers to experience the true heart and soul of Alaska. The *Chichagof Dream* features expansive viewing areas on the bow and aft outdoor promenade decks, a hull design optimized for supreme comfort in Alaskan waters, and forward-facing windows in the spacious lounge that extend from the deck to the ceiling, offering panoramic views off the bow.

Enjoy a relaxed cruising speed ideal for viewing the endless surrounding fjords, glaciers, and wildlife. The ship offers complimentary expedition gear while touring, including rain jackets, rain pants, and boots. Plus, each stateroom is outfitted with binoculars. Nothing will be missed as you leisurely traverse the channels, bays, and islands of Southeast Alaska.

Every morning, indulge in early-riser pastries in the lounge. After each exciting day of exploration, enjoy delectable hors d'oeuvres and convivial conversation in the lounge before delighting in a five-star dining experience—where talented onboard chefs create mouthwatering masterpieces using fresh, locally sourced ingredients.



A
Two twin beds, two porthole windows, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
Approx. 105 sq. ft.



Deluxe
One queen or two twin beds, one large picture window, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
Approx. 155 sq. ft.



AA
Two twin beds, one or two picture windows, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
Approx. 109 sq. ft.



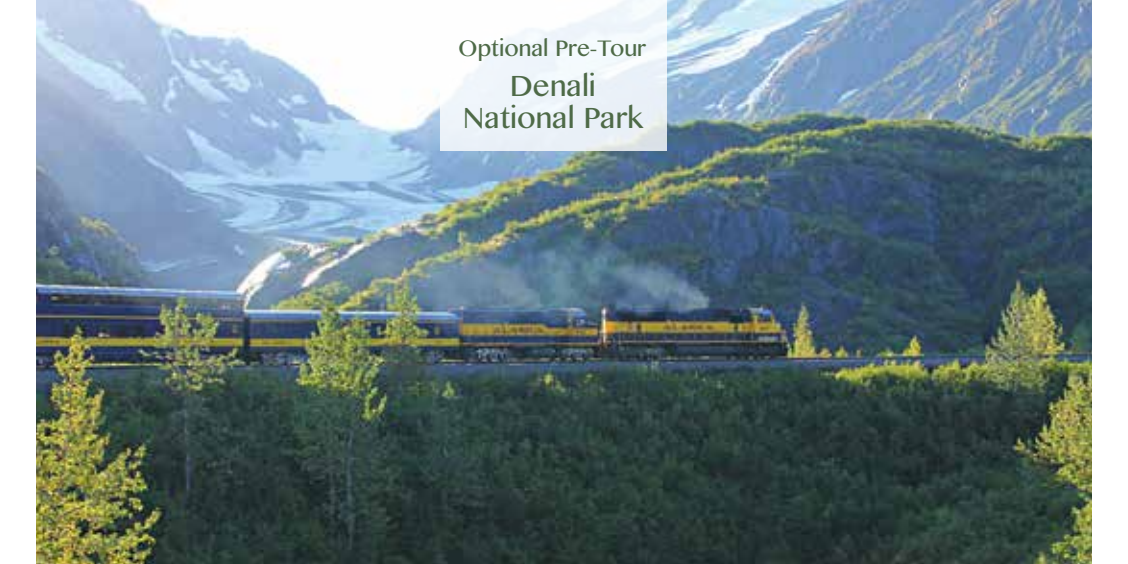
Deluxe Suite (main)
Two-room suite (with either queen bed, two twin beds or bunk beds), large picture windows, spacious wardrobe, two private bathrooms with showers. Approx. 218 sq. ft.



AAA
One queen or two twin beds, one large picture window, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
Approx. 109 sq. ft.



Deluxe Suite (upper)
One queen bed or two twin beds, two large picture windows, spacious wardrobe, vanity, sitting area, private bathroom with shower. Approx. 208 sq. ft.



Optional Pre-Tour
Denali
National Park

Journey into the scenic wilds of America's most northern state, through Alaska's rugged forests and wildlife. Your destination: the magnificent, six-million acre Denali National Park and Reserve. A final highlight of this adventure includes an afternoon traveling aboard the historic Alaska Railroad with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass-dome seat.

Pre-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day +1: Arrive in Fairbanks (R)

Welcome reception

Overnight: Pike's Waterfront Lodge

Day +2: Fairbanks / Denali National Park (B,D)

Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center; special dinner event and presentation

Overnight: Grand Denali Lodge

Day +3: Denali National Park

Wilderness Excursion (B,L)

Guided backcountry adventure, evening at leisure

Overnight: Grand Denali Lodge

Day +4: Denali National Park (B,R)

Optional excursions or activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks, wine and hors d'oeuvres with an Alaskan homesteader

Overnight: Grand Denali Lodge

Day +5: Denali National Park /

Anchorage (B,L,D)

Travel to Anchorage by Alaska Railroad

Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

Day +6: Depart Anchorage / Arrive Juneau / Day 1 of Main Program (B)

Optional Excursions:

DogGonelt Dog Sled Tour: An intimate visit to an Alaskan frontier home to learn about the lives of the world's greatest athletes, sled dogs, and racing the Iditarod.

Denali Glacier Landing Flight: A 100-minute plane tour of Denali, viewing the continent's deepest gorge, glaciers, surrounding peaks and valleys and a landing on one of Denali's pristine glaciers.

Arctic Circle Flight Tour: This 6-hour tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and visit to Coldfoot Camp.

Highlights & Inclusions

- Be on the lookout for vast wildlife including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.
- Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with naturalists nearby.
- Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.
- Listen to an Alaskan homesteader's tale of summing Denali.
- Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.
- **What's included:** 1 night accommodation in Fairbanks, 3 nights accommodations in Denali, and 1 night accommodation in Anchorage; 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and 2 receptions; motor coach transportation from Fairbanks to Denali National Park; hotel courtesy shuttle between Grande Denali Lodge, the Denali Park Visitor Center, town, and the rail depot; a full-day wilderness tour into Denali National Park (including a box lunch); a lively dinner event with a special presentation from a Murie Science and Learning Center educator, plus an engaging discussion with Jimmie Hendricks, a colorful local who will share his experiences of summing Denali; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including reserved seating in the upper-level glass-dome car, priority seating in the dining room for lunch and dinner (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages); gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals; transfers between the airport and hotel for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Not all excursions listed may be available. Availability is also subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability and group interests. For flight excursions, weight and minimum age requirements apply.

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Denali Pre-Tour: August 8-13, 2021

Cabin	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Category A	\$4,899	\$4,395
Category AA	\$6,099	\$5,595
Category AAA	\$6,499	\$5,995
Deluxe	\$7,499	\$6,995
Deluxe Suite (main)	\$8,499	\$7,995
Deluxe Suite (upper)	\$9,499	\$8,995
Single (Cat. AA)	\$9,499	\$8,995
Denali Pre-Tour		
Cabin	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$3,199	\$2,995
Single	\$4,099	\$3,895
—plus \$350/person internal airfare—		

Reserve by Credit Card:

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Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 10339

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The EXPLORERS program is open to alumni of the University of Illinois, their families, and friends.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check ACH (Automated Clearing House) MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

DENALI PRE-TOUR OPTIONALS (added to your final invoice):

_____ guests joining DogGonelt Dog Sled Tour (\$59/adult)

_____ guests joining Denali Glacier Landing Flight (\$599/person)

_____ guests joining Arctic Circle Flight Tour (\$519/person)

Participants' dressed weight: Guest #1 _____ Guest #2 _____ (for flights only; to balance the aircraft)

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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What Guests Are Saying...

You can always count on U of I EXPLORERS trips for interesting sites, quality tours, and fun companions!
~UIAA EXPLORERS Traveler, 2014

I always enjoy being with fellow alumni and making new friends when visiting a new location.
~UIAA EXPLORERS Traveler, 2015

Orbridge is an amazing company, I really appreciate and enjoy their approach to the details and comfort of our trip.
~UIAA EXPLORERS Traveler, 2018



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