

**SUE KUTI SMALL GROUP TRAVEL**  
**ALAKA 2011**

**August, 2011**

It is suggested that you arrive early and take in the sights of Vancouver. I recommend a 3 day stay. Suggested activities:

- Day 1 Tour in Victoria including Buchtart Gardens, The Empress Hotel.
- Day tour of Vancouver including Stanley Park

**Thursday, 4 August**

**The group will fly from Vancouver to Anchorage  
Anchorage**

Arrive Anchorage (flights to be advised)

Overnight Quality Inn & Suites Anchorage (transfers and breakfast included)

**Friday 5 August**

**Anchorage to Seward to Anchorage**

Transfers to Alaska Railroad this morning after an early breakfast

Board the Alaska Railroad train this morning @ 6:45am

Arrive Seward @ 11:00am

You will be met on arrival by Kenai Fjords Van to take you to Seward's Small Boat Harbour. Here you will join the Kenai fjords Cruise to Fox Island where you have time to explore and enjoy a Salmon Bake Lunch .

Cruise beautiful Resurrection Bay returning to Seward at 5:00pm where you will have time to visit the Sealife Centre before

transferring to the Railroad for the return trip to Anchorage

Depart Seward @ 6:00pm

Arrive Anchorage @ 10:00pm



Overnight Quality Inn & Suites

**Saturday 6 August**

**Anchorage**

Today you will explore Anchorage with a visit to the Native Heritage Centre. Time at leisure this afternoon.

Overnight Quality Inn & Suites Anchorage (transfers and breakfast included)

**Sunday 7**

**Anchorage - Denali**

After breakfast we leave Alaska's largest city Via the George Parks Highway. We

travel northbound towards Denali National Park. The breathtaking landscape offers constantly changing panoramic views with distant glaciers and beaver dams in the nearby river. Late afternoon, there is the opportunity for a one-hour glacier flight to Mount McKinley for all those who would like to go for it (optional). This is a very recommendable adventure, in particular when the weather is fine.

(Overnight accommodation close to the park).

### **Monday 8 August**

#### **Denali National Park**

Without a doubt this is one of the highlights of Alaska. In the morning we will go on a Denali wildlife tour. A park owned shuttle bus takes us deep into one of the most scenic landscapes in the North America. Weather permitting you will get to see majestic Mount McKinley, 6193 meters high, the highest mountain in the U.S.A. The variety of wildlife



is very impressive, too. With a little luck you will see wolves, dall sheep, moose, caribou and grizzly bears. Admire Wonder Lake, the largest lake in the surroundings, located approximately in the middle of the park. Here in particular you will find lots of wildlife.

(Overnight accommodation close to the park).

### **Tuesday 9 August**

#### **Denali National Park - Fairbanks**

Back on the George Parks Highway, we will stop in Nenana to visit the Alaska Railroad Museum. Fairbanks will be reached early in the afternoon. The remainder of the day is reserved for the places of interest in and around this town located about 320 km south of the Arctic Circle. Perhaps you would like to visit the Alaska Dog Mushing Museum, or treat yourself with the local delicacies in one of the numerous restaurants. You really should try the king crabs! And there is more. Particularly recommendable is a sternwheeler cruise on the Chena River, the Crown of Light show, a photo symphony covering the aurora borealis, or the Gold Rush show at the Malemute Saloon (optional)

(Overnight accommodation in Fairbanks).

### **Wednesday 10 August**

#### **Fairbanks - Tok**

After strolling through downtown Fairbanks in the morning, we are on our way southbound passing innumerable lakes and rivers in this beautiful landscape. Today we are going to see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline again, crossing the Tanana River right next to the highway. In Delta Junction we meet the Alaska Highway and visit the local visitor center.

(Overnight accommodation in Tok).

### **Thursday 11 August**

#### **Tok - Dawson City**

The journey continues via the Top of the World Highway. Beyond the timberline we will pass through beautiful tundra scenery and cross the border at Little Gold Creek, which is the checkpoint with the highest elevation between Canada and the U.S.A. On this stretch villages with strange sounding names like Chicken, Action Wade Camp are to be seen until in the afternoon we will cross the Yukon River by ferry to reach Dawson City.

(Overnight accommodation in Dawson City).

### **Friday 12 August**

#### **Dawson City**

People still dig for gold in this historical town located where the Klondike flows into the Yukon River. You may try your luck panning for gold yourself. A visit to Bonanza Creek, the Jack London cabin, and the Midnight Dome, Dawson City's very own mountain, are on the agenda, as is the remarkable Gold Diggers Museum. Afterwards you may want to stroll around town with its nice buildings, some of them still original, some affectionately restored. Diamond Tooth Gerties Casino and Cancan – dance girls will entertain us in the evening. The Palace Grand Theatre - offering musical entertainment, turn-of-the-century style - is another option.



(Overnight accommodation in Dawson City).

### **Saturday 13 August**

#### **Dawson City - Whitehorse**

Today it is back to Whitehorse via the Klondike Highway. You will repeatedly see the mighty Yukon River, about 3200 km long and thus one of the longest waterways in North America. Of course there is a stop to visit the infamous Five Finger Rapids - mighty rapids posing a threat to many sternwheelers navigating the Yukon in the past. Old post offices, roadhouses and small villages constantly bring back to mind the gold rush era 100 years ago.



(Overnight accommodation in Whitehorse).

### **Sunday 14 August**

#### **Whitehorse**

Leisure day for the group and perhaps the "Frantic Follies Dinner Show" which is a bit of Fun.

Overnight Whitehorse

### **Monday 15 August**

#### **Whitehorse - Hiking with the Huskies**

"Hiking with the Huskies" this tour is a coach ride to Lake Laberge where you board a small boat to take you across the lake where you are greeted by the family that operate the tour and given a hot drink and cookies plus an orientation and instructions, you meet the dogs who will be carrying your picnic lunch in a backpack on their backs, so you hike - its a gentle hike in beautiful country to a rise where you enjoy a picnic with the dogs before returning to the homestead followed by the boat trip back across the lake and the 30 minute coach drive back to Whitehorse\*\*

Overnight Whitehorse

### **Tuesday 16 August**

#### **Whitehorse to Skagway**

This morning board the White Pass & Yukon Route Coach & Train from Whitehorse to Skagway

This journey follows the Klondike Goldrush route along the Chilkat trail. Depart at 8:00am

Arrive Skagway at 12:00 noon

Time to explore Skagway before taking the local Ferry to Haines.

Arrive Haines this afternoon with transfers to your hotel

This evening at 6:00pm join Evening Wildlife Tour to see the Bears at the Chilkat River and Bald Eagles in the Valley

A fully guided evening bus ride through the Valley of the Eagles. Follow the route of returning salmon, from ocean to fresh water beside the enchanting Chilkoot River, the ancestral fishing grounds of the Tlingit people. In late summer the river is teeming with spawning Pink salmon. Just before the sun sets, brown bear families leave the cover of the forest to forage along the grassy riverbanks. Marvel at close-up views through powerful



spotting scopes, essential for safely observing wildlife. Bald eagle sightings are guaranteed. Although bears are not guaranteed, on these evening excursions, they have been sighted 99% of the time. Please Note: Spotting Scopes will be provided. After the tour, you will be returned to your accommodation.

Overnight Captains Choice Hotel Haines (Breakfast and transfer to/from Ferry included)

### **Wednesday 17 August**

#### **Haines**

Join the Chilkat River Float, this morning. (Duration: 4 Hours)

Departs Haines at 10:00am

Watch for Eagles and Wildlife on this spectacular river float trip. While docked in the picturesque fishing village of Haines, your adventure begins with a narrated bus ride up the Alaska Highway and into the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. There, you meet your naturalist guides and board heavy-duty 18 foot rafts to float quietly through the heart of the Preserve. The eagle preserve boasts the largest congregation of Bald Eagles in the world. Eagles, bears and wolves all frequent the preserve to feed on the plentiful salmon making their way upstream to their spawning beds. Often moose are spotted crossing the river or feeding in the ponds of the valley. Includes Lunch. Overnight Captains Choice Hotel Haines (Breakfast and transfer to/from Ferry included)

### **Thursday 18 August**

#### **Haines**

Day to explore this little town and area .

Overnight Captains Choice Hotel Haines (Breakfast and transfer to/from Ferry included)

### **Friday 19 August**

#### **Haines to Juneau**

This morning after breakfast transfer to Alaska Marine Highway terminal

Depart Haines at 9:00am

Arrive Juneau at 1:30pm

Transfers on arrival Overnight The Godlbelt Hotel

### **Saturday 20 August**

#### **Juneau**

Join the Wilderness Adventure "Eastern Coves " Cruise Juneau to Ketchikan \*\* (1) take the Train to Jasper (this is through Canada's Cedar country very pretty) then take the Icefield

Embark on your adventure in Juneau

Leave the city life behind in Juneau and immerse yourself in the breathtaking views of Mount Juneau and its surrounding glaciers. Though admittedly, leaving Juneau is no small task - nearly as large as Rhode Island and Delaware combined, the Juneau area is nearly 3,300 square miles and the only U.S. capital with an international border.

As we leave the harbor, watch for the eagles that abound year round, but especially during the summer salmon spawning period. Don't be surprised if you also find a variety of elegant birds, silly seals, hardy sea lions, playful porpoise and hopefully a few of the large population of humpback and orca whales that roam the Inside Passage waters. After meeting your crew and getting acquainted with your ship's features, finish the evening with a delicious meal while keeping an eye on lookout

for orca and humpback whales as we cruise to Windham Bay. Safe to say this won't be your average vacation.

### **Sunday 21 August**

#### **Windham Bay, Chuck River Wilderness Area and Whale Watching**

Wake up to the glory of Windham Bay, a unique combination of lush rainforest, fresh and saltwater habitat with numerous estuaries. An animal and bird watcher's paradise, it is also where renowned naturalist John Muir noted the first Alaskan gold discovery in 1878. The area soon became the largest gold discovery in the territory,



and the miner population in Windham Bay peaked at about 200 in the early 1900's. Not all that much has changed here since.

Push your senses and your muscles with the exhilarating combination of sea kayaking and trekking. Or ride a skiff to the same shore and take a relaxing walk on the trail that boasts a 350-foot elevation gain. Fairly easy Chuck River

hiking trails lead to the Chuck River Wilderness where large black bear and bald eagles often feed on the salmon runs. Get there by kayak and enjoy the views. After lunch, we move into the waters of Frederick Sound – the summer feeding ground for the largest concentration of humpback whales in the Northern Hemisphere. Scan the water for movement and thrill as humpbacks, orcas and Stellar sea lions feed, swirl, jump and crash back down to the surface. Learn fascinating facts and behavioral theories about the whales from our onboard naturalists as you watch the action. By the time dinner is over, we will be anchored inside the appropriately named Scenery Cove, listening to whales and hoping for sea birds like marbled murrelets, common loons, red-throated loons, Barrow's goldeneyes and common mergansers at sunrise. Kayaks are available all morning for unguided touring at your leisure. Additional morning activities include snorkeling and swimming.



#### **Activities**

**Taylor Lake Trail Hike - Level 2 included**

Meander this wandering muddy trail through heavy forest to the approximately 1-mile long Taylor Lake tucked below steep granite walls and mountains upwards of 3800 feet. The elevation gain through the hike is **350 feet**.

**Taylor Lake Trail Kayak and Hike - Level 3 included**

Stretch your arms as you kayak to the end of the Bay and then your legs as you trek up the heavily forested trail that meanders through steep granite walls and majestic peaks. Enjoy a packed lunch prepared by our galley team.

**Chuck River Trail Kayak and Hike - Level 3 included**

Paddle through this undeveloped marsh / tidal flats trail that extends along the southern shore of Windham Bay until it turns south and up the Chuck River.

Black bears are often seen along these tidal flats. Stretch your legs with a walk through history at an abandoned mining camp that lies upriver near the confluence of the Chuck River and Sylvia Creek. This is a muddy hike, so wear your rubber boots!

Whale Watching - Level 1 included

Little else compares to the glamour and wonder of whales in their natural habitat. In the summer months, Frederick Sound offers ample opportunities.

### **Monday 22 August**

#### **Thomas Bay, Baird Glacier, Cascade Creek**

Thomas Bay is known for glaciers, gold and quartz deposits, moose, brown bears, black bears, squirrels, wolves, birds and rabbits. It is also known as "The Bay of Death," due to a massive landslide in 1750, and the "Devil's Country" since 1900 when several people claimed to have seen devil creatures in the area. Devils or not, Thomas Bay offers several ways to take it all in.

Take on the exposed terminal moraine of the Baird Glacier Trail, until you reach the top of the glacier itself. An impressive feat of nature, shorter hikes to Baird Glacier are also available. Soak it in through a 6-mile guided kayak excursion from Scenery Cove to Cascade Creek and then treat yourself to a short trek. Soar above the stunning mile-wide LeConte Glacier in a floatplane. Trek it your way on one of the several varied length hikes of the scenic Cascade Creek Trail. Or take a quiet day spent onboard, putting your feet up, getting a massage and staring at the gorgeous scenery.

Dinner includes a reading from "The Strangest Story Ever Told," a story about Thomas Bay and native bigfoot-like creatures call Kushtaka. Known to some as the "Land of the Kushtaka," native lore is rich with Kushtaka stories and strange encounters have been recorded for many years here. Taking advantage of Alaska's long daylight hours, you may choose to get in one more, short kayak excursion before bed.

Varied length hikes up onto the Cascade Creek Trail are available all afternoon. Shorter hikes can be arranged around flight seeing schedule. Kayaks are available all day for unguided touring at your leisure. Skiff tours around anchorage available all afternoon. Additional afternoon activities include snorkeling and swimming.

#### Activities

Baird Glacier Trail Hike - Level 2 included

Navigate just 1.5 miles of the Baird Glacier Trail's varied terrain, including sandy conditions, mud, stream crossings and uneven bowling ball-sized boulders, and be rewarded atop the mile wide Baird Glacier. Expect a variety of birds along the way. This 5-6 hour hike is a crew favorite from beginning to end. Shorter hikes to the glacier are also available.

Scenery Cove to Cascade Creek Kayak - Level 2 included

Paddle six gorgeous miles of Alaskan waters watching for a variety of birds and animals along the way. A short hike at the Cascade Creek Trail can also be combined with your journey.

Patterson Glacier Hike and Kayak - Level 2 included

Go at your own pace on the scenic Cascade Creek Trail, a hike that has something for everyone. The first stretch is relatively easy and provides a great view into the forest ecosystem. For those looking for a more rigorous adventure, the trail winds its way through a spruce and hemlock forest to a waterfall and then a challenging hike alongside the creek towards Falls Lake, which is about 3 miles from the trailhead.

## **Tuesday 23 August**

### **LeConte Bay, Stikine River, Ideal Cove**

Wake to the sounds of “bergy bits” and brash ice as they gently roll past the hull of the ship as you ease through the ice-rich waters of LeConte Bay, home to the Northern hemisphere’s most southerly tide water glacier. Shake off sleep with a yoga class. Then rove through the ice-encrusted waters by kayak or skiff. A treasure trove of adventure and natural beauty, whether you choose a 4-hour guided kayak, a 1.5-hour kayak or opt for a skiff excursion, it is sure to please.



After lunch, choose a leisure kayaking or skiff excursion, hiking at Ideal Cove, or an optional guided overnight trip via kayaking, hiking and camping ashore. Hiking on the 4.5 or 8.2-mile Three Lakes Loop Trail may take up the afternoon. Or a good book and a comfy chair may be in order. After dinner, don’t miss the sights as we turn toward Wrangell via the Wrangell Narrows, and are guided by over 30 bright red and green navigation lights, locally known as Christmas Tree Lane.

Shorter hikes on the Three Lakes Loop Trail are available all afternoon. Kayaks are available all afternoon for unguided touring at your leisure. Skiff tours around anchorage available all day. Additional afternoon activities include snorkeling and swimming.

#### Activities

LeConte Glacier Floatplane Tour - Level 1 \$200 per person

A birds-eye view of the popular LeConte Glacier can be arranged for you by floatplane. Twenty-one miles long and one mile wide, it is known for its "shooter" icebergs, which calve off underneath the water and shoot out of the water due to their buoyancy. LeConte Glacier floatplane tour, minimum of 4.

LeConte Bay Kayak - Level 1 included

Get up close and personal with “bergy bits” from LeConte Glacier by kayak. Choose from a 4-hour or 1.5-hour excursion.

Three Lakes Loop Trail Hike - Level 2 included

Ease on down the road on the Three Lakes Loop Trail, a boardwalk through muskeg and forest that passes by four lakes in the loop. Mostly flat with a few short, steep sections, as a loop this trail is 4.5 miles long.

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Leconte Bay Kayak - Level 1 included

Get up close and personal with "bergy bits" from LeConte Glacier by kayak. Choose from a 4-hour(Level 2) or 1.5-hour(Level 1) excursion.

Stikine River Boat Tour - Level 1 \$235 per person

Travel by river boat along the Stikine River to view nature and wildlife along its shores.

Truly an experience of Southeast Alaska's backcountry that few will ever experience, minimum 6 guests.

Wilderness Kayaking, Hiking and Overnight Camping - Level 2 \$150 per person

For those who wish to experience Southeast Alaska's raw outdoors, spend a night away from the ship in the wilderness to hike, camp and kayak. An expert guide from your ship will accompany you on this unique adventure. Go from "cheechako" to "sourdough" in one night, minimum 6 guests.

Stikine River Boat Tour - Level 1 \$235 per person

Experience Southeast Alaska's backcountry as you jet along the Stikine River. Keep an eye on the shores for moose, bear and other animals, minimum 6 guests

### **Wednesday 24 August**

#### **Wrangell, Chief Shakes Tribal House**

Once under the jurisdiction of the Russians, the British, and the Americans, as well as



originally a Tlingit territory, Wrangell has the unique status of being the only Alaskan city to have been governed under four "flags". Today, it is home to native culture, wildlife and wonder. Rise early to go after abundant King Salmon just waiting to be hooked. Brush up on your Tlingit culture at Chief Shakes Tribal House for native storytelling and visit Kiksetti Totem Park on Front Street to

view recently carved totem poles and hear their unique story. Or hitch a ride on the jet boat tour up the Stikine River to pick up the overnight campers. Bear-lovers may choose to travel by jet boat to view the black and brown bears fishing for salmon at Anan Creek.

After lunch, Canoe Pass offers one of the most scenic kayaking opportunities of the trip. Along the Eastern shore of Etolin Island within the South Etolin Wilderness Area, Canoe Pass is a smooth, narrow, 5-mile stretch of pristine Alaskan water. End the day with a soak in the hot tub or maybe a DVD as the vessel cruises toward Yes Bay on the northern end of Behm Canal.

Kayaks are available during the day for unguided touring at your leisure. Skiff tours around anchorage available all day. Additional afternoon activities include snorkeling and swimming.

Activities

Chief Shakes Island and Chief Shakes Tribal House Tour - Level 1 included

Indulge in the peaceful setting of Chief Shakes Island, the site of Chief Shakes Tribal

House, a replica of the original Shakes Tribal House exemplifying the impressive architecture of a house of the high caste of Tlingit natives. Don't miss the intricately carved totems surrounding the hand-hewn Community House.

Canoe Pass Kayaking - Level 2 included

Paddle through heaven in a narrow 5-mile long cut that runs along the Eastern shore of Etolin Island within the South Etolin Wilderness Area. This is one of the most scenic straight-through kayaking channels you'll experience as the shore drops directly to your side both right and left.

Anan Creek Bear Observatory by River Boat - Level 1 \$235 per person

High tail it via jet boat to Anan Creek bear observatory for an unusual view of the black and brown bears who feast on salmon here. Anan Creek is an ancient Tlingit native fishing site with the largest pink salmon run in Southeast Alaska. Anan Creek bear observatory by jet boat, minimum of 4.

Anan Creek Bear and Wildlife Flightseeing - Level 1 \$350 per person

Take to the skies for an unusual view of the brown and black bears who feast at Anan Creek, an ancient Tlingit native fishing site with the largest pink salmon run in Southeast Alaska. minimum 4 guests.

### **Thursday 25 August**

#### **Yes Bay**

It is tough to say "no" in Yes Bay. Maybe that is why wildlife abounds in Yes Bay and the surrounding Tongass National Forest - humpback whales, orcas, porpoise, seals, sea lions, black bears, brown bears, mink, marten, eagles and otters. Say yes to a kayak tour up the bay and choose your wildlife-seeking hike: Wolverine Creek Trail and the scenic hike following the river to Lake McDonald – also a perfect spot to cast a fly for trout.



After lunch, wile away the hours over a good book, take out a kayak for a leisurely paddle or indulge in the good fun of platform diving contests and swim races around the ship. Or take to the skies for magnificent views of brown and black bears at Traitors Cove/Margaret Creek or Anan Creek on an add-on flight tour. By dinner, saying yes to bed will be easy to do. Short hikes to Lake McDonald are also available. Between July and September, add-on flight tours to Anan Creek are available. Guided fly-fishing can also be arranged for you through Yes Bay Lodge. Kayaks are available all day for unguided touring at your leisure. Skiff tours around anchorage available all day. Additional afternoon activities include snorkeling and swimming. After lunch, indulge in platform diving and rope swinging contests, judged for style by the crew, and swim races around the ship.

#### **Activities**

Swimming Race and Platform Diving - Level 2 included

Who will be the first one around the boat? Do you have superior diving style? Only one way to tell – and the crew knows just what to look for. (Keep your eye on the prize!)

Wolverine Creek Trail Hike - Level 1 included

Take it easy on this moderate trail that leads to several fishing areas for steelhead, trout, and salmon.

Yes Bay Kayaking and Lake McDonald Trail Hike - Level 2 included

Walk the way of the once-upon-a-time tramway built for the old salmon cannery. This popular trail will lead you to McDonald Lake for trout and steelhead fishing.

Yes Bay Half Day Salt Water Fishing Excursion - Level 1 \$275 per person

Spend the day angling with one of Yes Bay Lodge's private, seasoned guides. Take your turn at catching five different species of salmon, halibut, dolly varden and rainbow and cutthroat trout. Borrow Lamiglas rods and dependable Penn reels or bring your own equipment. With only 2 guests per boat, get ready for an ideal fishing adventure, max. 2 guests/per boat.

Yes Bay Fishing & Wilderness Hike - Level 2 \$200 per person

If your idea of a true fishing outing is first launching out on a vigorous hike, then this is an excellent opportunity for you. Hike through the rainforest along uneven terrain with small obstacles to conquer along the way to reach a prime fishing spot along a stream chosen by your expert guide. Fly or spin-reel fishing, which is catch and release, minimum 2 guests.

### **Friday 26 August**

#### **Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness**

Watch the sun rise over the steep and sometimes sheer walls of the Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness Area, a haven for ducks, brown and black bear, mountain goats, Sitka deer, mink, river otters, and in a few places, moose.

Humpbacks and orcas, porpoise, sea lions, and seals ply the waters of Behm Canal and the inlets. Glide through Walker Cove by kayak (close-in or long distance) and stop at shoreline beaches to stretch your legs. Or explore it all by skiff, soaking in the splendor of this utterly wild, roadless and largely forgotten corner of the world.

In the afternoon, we anchor inside Rudyerd Bay and Punchbowl Cove to leisurely take in its famous scenic waterfalls and vast granite walls. Man the rope swing, race around the ship and show off with a platform dive, if you dare. Or judge the activity from the dry decks of the ship. This evening, you will be greeted with cocktails and a cheery camaraderie as you join the Captain in a farewell toast. Enjoy a sumptuous Alaskan seafood and prime beef dinner. After dinner, share in conversation with all the new friends you've made on your journey and show your video footage on the lounge's flat screen TV's.

Kayaks are available all morning for unguided touring at your leisure. Skiff tours around anchorage available all morning. Before cocktail hour, indulge in platform diving contests, judged for style by the crew, and swim races around the ship.

Activities

Walker Cove Kayaking - Level 2 included

Explore Walker Cove, a place seldom traveled by floatplanes or boat traffic, past spectacular cliffs and waterfalls. Paddling near the Behm Canal provides good opportunities to watch for whales and porpoises. Level 1 and Level 2 opportunities available.

Walker Cove Skiff Tours - Level 1 included

Don't miss a thing from the warm safety of a skiff excursion through Walker Cove. A remote and wild country, the Misty Fjords National Monument preserves nearly 2.2 million acres that represent nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska.

Swimming Race and Platform Diving - Level 1 included

Who will be the first one around the boat? Do you have superior diving style? Only one way to tell – and the crew knows just what to look for. Level 1 or Level 2 (Your energy sets the bar!)

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### **Saturday 27 August**

#### **Private dock, north of Ketchikan — Disembark - onward flights to Seattle**

Known as the “Salmon Capital of the World,” Ketchikan is located on the edge of the Tongass National Forest. A Bon Voyage breakfast ends our ship journey; however there are many enticing ways to extend your journey from here. Transfer directly to the Ketchikan airport, local accommodations or arrange for an add-on overnight land tour to Juneau, Ketchikan, Wrangell or Alaska's interior. Parting can be such sweet sorrow, and if your schedule allows it, please feel free to join us as we cruise an entirely different route on the return trip from Ketchikan to Juneau.

flight times to be advised

transfers on arrival to your hotel in Seattle

Overnight Mayflower Hotel Seattle.

### **Sunday 28 August**

#### **Seattle**

Leisure /shopping day

Overnight Mayflower Hotel Seattle.

### **COST OF THIS TOUR Based on a minimum of 10 people travelling together**

InnerSea Navigator Cabin \$9755 per person based on twin share

InnerSea Trailblazer Cabin \$10630 per person based on twin share

Single Cost

InnerSea Navigator Cabin \$12,521.00 Single accommodation and share cabin

InnerSea Trailblazer Cabin \$13,396.00 single accommodation and share cabin

InnerSea-Single Cabin \$15,771.00 . Single accommodation and cabin throughout the tour

### **Booking & Payment**

*To secure a reservation and take advantage of the early bird specials, a non-refundable deposit payment of **\$2600** must be paid within 7 days of booking. The balance is required 10 weeks prior to departure. For reservations beyond this date, full payment is required at the time the booking is confirmed*

*Your place is not confirmed until the deposit has been placed. The maximum number on the tour will be 16.*

### **How to Reserve Your Tour:**

*Please contact Sue Kuti*

*at [suek@travelmanagers.com.au](mailto:suek@travelmanagers.com.au) or*

*Tel: 02) 93988558 or Mobile: 0414598157 to reserve your place on the tour.*

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*We will then send you our official booking form and booking conditions for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of **aud\$2600.00***

*On receipt of your deposit and booking form, we will then forward additional pre-departure information regarding visas, medical requirements, weather and much more.*

*Payment of your tour balance is then required **70 days** before your departure.*

### **Cancellation charges**

- *Day of the booking – 70 days prior to departure **\$2600** per person*
- *71 days to 14 days prior to departure - **30% of the cost of the booking***
- *After departure 100% of the cost of the booking*

### **Please Note**

*All rates are subject to currency fluctuations*

**BB = Bed & Breakfast, HB = Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, RO = Room Only**

### **Visa for Travellers to North America**

*All Australian passport holders require a EST visa waiver for travel to North America .Sue can help you with this.*

**Passports must have a minimum of 6 months validity from date of departure from Australia**

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