Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

AUG. 26 - SEP. 2, 2016
Special Alumni Rate
SAVE UP TO $1,000 per couple

8 DAYS OF NORTHERN WONDERS
*Tails, Talons, and Totem Poles*
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us this summer for an expedition through some of nature’s more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska’s Inside Passage aboard the 66-passenger Admiralty Dream.

This program features the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the expert guidance of two naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leaders.

Space is limited. For Rice Traveling Owls guests’ savings of up to $1,000 per couple (family and friends are eligible as well), please reserve online at http://rice.orbridge.com, by calling 713-34-TRIPS (87477) or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Kind regards,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director
Rice University

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by March 31, 2016 and receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Southeast Alaska

Aboard the nimble, 66-passenger Admiralty 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*

Day 1: Arrive in Sitka – Embarkation (D)
Alaska Raptor Center, Sitka National Historic Park
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

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

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

Day 4: Baranof Island / Lake Eva (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, hike
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 5: Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
Hidden Falls Hatchery
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 6: Frederick Sound / Petersburg (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, Petersburg tour, hike
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 7: Tracy Arm (B,L,D)
North and South Sawyer Glaciers, farewell dinner
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 8: Auke Bay / Juneau – Disembarkation (B)

Optional Extension: Denali National Park pre-tour

Program Highlights

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

- Accompanied by two naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leaders, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.

- Learn about Alaska’s culture and living history from a Native Tlingit Guide at Glacier Bay National Park, visits to Sitka National Historical Park, and a guided tour of the Norwegian town of Petersburg.

- Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you’ll learn about Chum, Chinook, and Coho salmon.

- Alongside a Park Ranger and Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide, enter the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve to see the sanctuary’s deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.

- What’s included: all excursions and presentations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners; beverages including complimentary beer and wine with lunch and dinner; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, typically not strenuous for guests with average mobility, including skiff rides, hiking, and kayaking. Walks 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.

*Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.
Admiralty Dream
Aboard the Admiralty Dream, you can go where large ships cannot—gaining exclusive access to channels and bays full of wildlife.

- **A**
  - Two single beds, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 93 sq. ft.

- **AAA**
  - Two single beds, view window, wardrobe, mini-fridge, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 122 sq. ft.

- **Owner’s Suite**
  - One queen bed, forward views from large windows, sitting area, private bathroom with separate shower and toilet. 135 sq. ft.

- **B**
  - Two single beds (77”x 46” and 69”x 26”), drawers, bathroom with combination shower/toilet. Lower deck cabins do not have windows. 74 sq. ft.

- **C**
  - Two single beds or one double bed, view window, wardrobe, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 93-96 sq. ft.

- **Deluxe**
  - Two single beds, view window, wardrobe, mini-fridge, private bathroom with combination shower/toilet. 134 sq. ft.

Your Expedition Leaders
Alaska is simply gorgeous, but viewing it with an Orbridge Expedition Leader at your side is another thing altogether. While watching humpback whales off the bow, your Expedition Leaders will offer expert descriptions of their “bubble net” form of social feeding. Kayaking together, you will observe animals like Dall’s porpoises and Alaska’s brown bears. Watch and learn the secrets of Alaska’s wild beauty—you will be amazed.
Optional Pre-Tour Extension

**Denali National Park**


**Extension Itinerary***

**Day 1:** Arrive in Fairbanks (R) Welcome reception

**Day 2:** Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park (B) Travel through the southern forests of interior Alaska by rail

**Day 3:** Denali National Park (B,D) Participate in optional excursions or enjoy leisure activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center and the Murie Science and Learning Center; experience a Cabin Nite Dinner Theater

**Day 4:** Denali National Park Wilderness Excursion (B,L) Exclusive Orbridge backcountry adventure with naturalist guide

**Day 5:** Denali National Park / Alaska Railroad / Anchorage (B,L,D) Travel to Anchorage by rail

**Day 6:** Depart Anchorage / Arrive Sitka / Day 1 of Main Program (B)

**Optional Excursions:**

- Husky Homestead Dog Sledding Presentation: A behind-the-scenes look at championship Alaskan Huskies and their training with Iditarod, four-time winner, Jeff King.
- Denali Summit Flight: A 75-minute, oxygen-equipped flight tour of Denali’s summit and its surrounding peaks and glaciers.
- Arctic Circle Flight Tour: This 5 1/2-hour tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and Trans-Alaska Pipeline stop.

**Extension Highlights**

- Experience a historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska.
- Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.
- Watch out for vast wildlife including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.
- Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with a trained naturalist.
- Listen to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.
- Enjoy a festive dinner theater featuring the early 1900s Gold Rush in Alaska.
- **What’s included:** One night accommodation at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks, three nights accommodations at the Grande Denali Lodge, and one night accommodation at Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage (accommodations subject to change) with breakfast each morning; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including seating in the upper level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, breakfast (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages) during the Fairbanks to Denali segment, and lunch and dinner (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages) during the Denali to Anchorage segment; Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner Theater experience; guided Denali backcountry tour with lunch; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all gratuities; and transfers between hotels and airport upon arrival and departure.

*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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**Early Reservation Bonus:**

**FREE ORBRIDGE EXPEDITION LIBRARY**

See reverse for details.
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Option 1: Reserve online at now
at http://rice.orbridge.com
or call 713-34-TRIPS (87477).

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to:
Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 (as printed on passport): ___________________________ Class Year: _____________

Guest #2 (as printed on passport): ___________________________ Class Year: _____________

Address:

City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ____________

Email: __________________ Phone: ___________ Alt. Phone: ___________

Category Preference, if applicable: 1st choice: ________ 2nd choice: ________

Deposit:

(#) ________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) ________ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ __________

Denali Extension Options (added to your final invoice):

(#) ________ guests joining Husky Homestead Dog Sledding Presentation ($62/adult)
(#) ________ guests joining Denali Summit Flight ($449/person)
(#) ________ guests joining Arctic Circle Flight Tour ($499/person)

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

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed
☐ Online Check/ACH
☐ MasterCard/Visa
☐ American Express
☐ Discover

Card #: __________________ Exp. date: ___________ CVV: ____________

Name (as printed on card):

Billing address (if different from above):

City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ____________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://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: ___________ 

For questions and to learn more, call the Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS (87477) or email travelingowls@rice.edu.

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Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program date and date. If your reservation is made fewer than 90 days prior to departure, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program date departure, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation and its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#209757-40 WST#02829994

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. *A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
What Guests Are Saying...

The guides are 100% professionals and their dedication to educating people to the wonders of nature is unsurpassed. Their leadership and subject matter knowledge is amazing. Their guidance, helped by a very accommodating wildlife display, made this trip the best trip of my life.

~ Norman L., Midlothian, VA

A trip to Alaska was on our “Bucket List.” This trip was truly more than we ever imagined. Thank you for providing such wonderful adventures. I am so very glad that we were able to enjoy this wonderful trip! The Denali Pre-tour was such a wonderful addition to our *Admiralty Dream* cruise. I am so happy that we did both!

~ Karen L., Midlothian, VA