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Alaska Ferry Vacations 7 Day Glacier Bay by Air

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Travel Arrangements starting at US\$2,175.00 per person and is based on Double Occupancy

Single, Triple, and Quad Occupancy rates available upon request

2020: Departures: Weekly on Saturdays from May 30 to August 22.

Do you have Alaska Airlines miles sitting around begging to be used? Our agents are happy to help book your flights either with your miles or using our Tour Airfares from home to Alaska and back.

Day 1:

Flight from Seattle to Ketchikan

Flight Departure: 10:20 am

Flight Arrvl.: 11:30 am

Commercial flight from Seattle to Ketchikan, Alaska's "First City". Each passenger is allowed 2 checked bags up to 50lbs each. First bag is \$30, second bag is \$40. Passengers are allowed 2 carry-on's for no charge.

Accommodation for 1 night in Ketchikan

Check Out: **Day 2**

Your hotel is a Ketchikan favorite, located right across the street from the Alaska Ferry Terminal. There's a Restaurant and Pub (6am until late) right on the property for your dining pleasure. There is a cozy fireplace, full cocktail service, beers on tap and an outside deck overlooking the Tongass Narrows. Complimentary shuttle is provided from the Airport Ferry. There's a guest laundry and free internet access, too.

The well appointed guest rooms and suites offer everything the discerning guest could need. There is secure parking, a fitness center, business center and premium cable TV with HBO.

Ketchikan



Ketchikan is known as Alaska’s “first city” due to its location at the southern tip of the Inside Passage – it is the first city you reach as you cruise north, and for many visitors, their first introduction to the beauty and majesty of Alaska. The city is backed by forested slopes and distinctively shaped Deer Mountain and faces Tongass Narrows, a waterway humming with floatplanes, fishing boats, ferries and barges hauling freight to other Inside Passage ports.

Just 90 miles north of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Ketchikan hugs the bluffs that form the shoreline along the southwest corner of Revillagigedo Island. Stretching 31 miles long but never more than 10 blocks wide, Ketchikan is centered on Tongass Avenue. On one side of the avenue, many businesses and homes are built on stilts out over the water, while on the other side they cling to the steep slopes and often have winding wooden staircases leading to their doors.

The downtown area is the main commercial district and contains two large harbors, several cruise ship docks, and many of Ketchikan’s main attractions, including historic Creek Street, a boardwalk road built over Ketchikan Creek on pilings. The city center is best viewed from Ketchikan’s Waterfront Promenade that skirts the busy shoreline and is equipped with historical markers and whale-tail benches for visitors to rest and take in the view. Ketchikan serves as the departure point for side trips to Prince of Wales Island, Annette Island, numerous bear viewing sites and the area’s most impressive attraction - Misty Fjords National Monument. This 3,570-square-mile wilderness is a natural mosaic of sea cliffs, steep fjords and rock walls jutting 3,000 feet straight out of the ocean. Trips into the monument, whether by tour boat, small airplane or kayak, provide wildlife sightings like seals, otters, bald eagles and whales.

Day 2:

Ferry from Ketchikan to Skagway with Alaska Marine Highway

Ferry Departure Time: **Morning**

Ferry Arrival Time: **Mid-Afternoon on Day 3**

Includes private accommodations in a Two Berth Outside Stateroom

Upgrades to a Four Berth Stateroom may be available. These cabins come with lower bunks, so no climbing required!

Day 3:

Accommodation for 1 night in Skagway

Check Out: **Day 4**

While appreciating the history and decor you would expect from a 1902 home noted as a contributing structure on the National Historic Register, this B&B also provides for the comforts you have come to expect while traveling. Each room is equipped with private baths, cable TV, and mini refrigerators. For your comfort each room has independent thermostats, screened windows you may open and ceiling fans, just in case Skagway has a hot summer. All the rooms are furnished with cozy handcrafted quilts. For those traveling with their laptops, complimentary wireless Internet access is provided. A delicious continental breakfast is served each morning featuring cereals, fresh muffins, juice, yogurt, and more.

Skagway



Skagway rarely disappoints visitors. A seven-block corridor along Broadway features historic false-front shops and restaurants, wooden sidewalks, locals in period costumes and restored buildings, many of which are part of the National Park Service managed Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. One hour ranger-led walking tours of the Skagway Historic District are available from early May to late September. They operate daily at 9am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, and 3pm (other times when needed and staffing is available). You may pick up free tickets at the visitor center, located at 2nd Avenue & Broadway for the various tours. Walks are limited to 30 participants. Tours are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the adventurous, Skagway has an excellent trail system that begins just blocks from the downtown area and allows hikers to trek to alpine lakes, waterfalls, even the graves of Skagway's most notorious residents, Soapy Smith and Frank Reid. For transportation, Skagway has the cities SMART Shuttle (phone 907-983-2743 to schedule a pickup) to take you direct to a property and the cost is about \$2.00 per person or \$5 for an all-day pass. Operates 7am to 9pm, other times upon request.

Day 4:

White Pass Summit Excursion

Duration: 3.5 Hours

Take an unforgettable journey aboard "The Scenic Railway of the World" to the White Pass summit. Begin your excursion as you board the train in Skagway and travel 20 miles from tidewater, to the Summit of the White Pass – a 2,865 foot elevation!

Relax in vintage passenger coaches as you retrace the original route to the White Pass Summit, passing Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of mountains, glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles and historic sites. See the original Klondike Trail of '98 worn into the rocks, a permanent tribute to the thousands of souls who passed this way in search of fortune.



Flight from Skagway to Gustavus via Juneau

Duration: 3 Hours

Sit back and relax on this scenic flight from Skagway to Gustavus, Gateway to Glacier Bay National Park. Fly time is approximately 3 hours with a stopover in Juneau. Everyone gets a window seat! Each passenger is allowed up to 50lbs of luggage, but excess may be allowed. Carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding. Make sure you have your camera in your lap for the endless photo opportunities offered on the flight.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Gustavus

Check Out: **Day 6**

Here you'll enjoy cozy hotel room accommodations among the Sitka Spruce trees and relax in the warmth of the lobby's massive stone fireplace. Relax in front of the fireplace in the view lounge area or visit the National Park Services excellent interpretive displays upstairs on the mezzanine.

Gustavus and Glacier Bay



Located just a few miles from park headquarters, the town of Gustavus is the jumping-off point for adventures in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and a charming little village of artists, fantastic gardens, wild strawberries, stunning views and even a small golf course. With its spectacular glaciers and abundance of marine wildlife, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve has become the crown jewel in the itinerary of many cruise-ship and independent travelers. The bay features seven tidewater glaciers that spill out of the mountains and deposit icebergs of all shapes, sizes and shades of blue into the ocean. Of the park's more than 300,000 annual visitors, over 90 percent visit on a cruise ship and never set foot on shore, but the independent travelers who come get the bonus of visiting nearby Gustavus as well.

Bartlett Cove is the park headquarters and the only maintained hiking trails in the park. At Bartlett Cove, paddlers rent kayaks, visitors board tour boats for a 40-mile day cruise to see the glaciers up the bay and park rangers lead guided hikes and give naturalist programs. At the foot of the main dock is the National Park Service Visitor Information Station, where you can obtain backcountry permits, seek out information or purchase a variety of books or topographic maps that cover the park. Gustavus is nine miles by road from Bartlett Cove. Independent travelers can take a short flight from Juneau via jet or air taxi, or hop on an Alaska Marine Highway ferry from Juneau. Like many places known for natural beauty, Gustavus boasts several acclaimed sculptors, painters, potters, jewelers and woodcarvers. You can see their work at local galleries, studios and shops in town. Beachcombing, hiking on the Nagoonberry Loop trail, biking through town or playing a round at the Mount Fairweather Golf Course are popular ways to spend the day.

Day 5:

Glacier Bay Day Tour

Duration: 7 Hours

Spend the day on the waters of Glacier Bay and see magnificent tidewater glaciers, ancient snow-capped mountains, whales, stellar sea lions, rare birds such as puffins, coastal bears, seals, eagles, and so much more aboard the comfortable and high-speed catamaran.



Day 6:

Flight from Gustavus to Juneau

Duration: 30 Minutes

Sit back and relax on this scenic flight from Gustavus to Juneau. Fly time is 30 minutes. Everyone gets a window seat! Each passenger is allowed up to 50lbs of luggage, but excess may be allowed. Carry-on baggage is stowed by crew before boarding.

Accommodation for 1 night in Juneau

Check Out: **Day 7**

Enjoy your stay at this quaint and locally owned hotel in Juneau, Alaska. Surrounded by majestic mountains and pristine wilderness Alaska's Capitol is landlocked by glacial ice fields and fjord waterways. This hotel is conveniently located in the Mendenhall Valley near the airport, ferry and the Mendenhall Glacier while still being minutes away from Alaskan adventures. A continental breakfast is served every morning for guests.

Juneau



Alaska's state capital is also one of its most beautiful cities and one of the most visited communities in the state. With so much to see and do, there's certain to be something for you in Juneau. Downtown Juneau sits snugly between Mount Juneau, Mount Roberts and Gastineau Channel, and is a maze of narrow streets running past a mix of new structures, old storefronts and quaint houses featuring early 19th century architecture left over from the town's early gold mining days. The waterfront bustles with cruise ships, fishing boats and floatplanes zipping in and out. With no road access to Juneau, it is the only state capital in the United States that can only be reached by airplane or boat.

Just a 15 minute drive from downtown, one of the city's most iconic sites sits at the edge of a residential neighborhood: Mendenhall Glacier. The glacier sits within the Tongass National Forest – the largest national forest in the United States – and visitors to the area can watch icebergs calve off its frozen face into Mendenhall Lake, go for a hike or check out the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. Mendenhall Glacier is one of the 38 major glaciers that extend from the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Icefield, and many of them can be seen from the air as part of a flightseeing tour. Most helicopter tours offer glacier landings, glacier treks and glacier dog sled rides.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS ALASKA TOURS

"Plan-To-Go Deposit": Agents typically spend up to an hour planning alternative options for you at no charge. After that, your agent will request a small fee (and apply it to the cost of your tour) to cover the time our Alaska Tour Planning Specialists spend further customizing your tour to your timeframe and budget. This fee usually is \$50 per adult.

Reservations: Please make your reservations as early as possible to confirm specific departures. A deposit 50% of the total tour is required at time of booking. Full payment is required 60 days prior to departure.

Itemized Prices: All tours are presented as a package and individual prices will not be broken out due to contractual agreements with vendors.

Cancellations and refunds: Deposits and other payments are non-refundable. Travel Insurance is HIGHLY recommended.

Late reservations: Reservations booked within 30 days of departure are on a request basis and are subject to availability. Late reservations are subject to a \$25 Express Handling fee.

Weather Related Delays/Cancellations: Due to the ever-changing weather in Alaska, cancellation or change of some of tour components may be necessary and are non-refundable.

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