Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

* Tails, Talons, and Totem Poles *
Dear Alumni 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 66-passenger Admiralty 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 Mt. Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay in a hilltop lodge with panoramic views located inside the park, and learn how this magnificent area 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.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **November 1, 2019** to 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.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.
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.
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 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.

• Learn about Alaska’s culture and living history during a Native dance performance at a Tlingit Clan House and from a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide at Glacier Bay National Park.

• Visit Sitka National Historical Park, and take a guided tour of the Norwegian town of Petersburg.

• Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you’ll learn about Chinook, coho, and chum salmon.

• Alongside a Park Ranger, cruise 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: 7 nights aboard the *Admiralty Dream*; all excursions and presentations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners; beverages including complimentary beer and wine with lunch and dinner; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, drivers and porters; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Your 8-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

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

Day 1: Arrive in Sitka – Embarkation (D)
Tlingit dance presentation, Alaska Raptor Center, Sitka National Historical 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: Eastern Baranof Island / Lake Eva (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife viewing
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

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

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

Day 7: Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife and glacier viewing, farewell dinner
Overnight: *Admiralty Dream*

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

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 *Admiralty Dream* does not have an elevator.

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Your Expedition Leader

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 Leader will offer expert descriptions of mammals’ “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.

Admiralty Dream

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

**Pre-Tour Itinerary** *(subject to change)*

**Day +1:** Arrive in Fairbanks *(D)*
Welcome dinner

**Day +2:** Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park *(B,D)*
Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center and the Murie Science and Learning Center; special dinner event

**Day +3:** Denali National Park
Wilderness Excursion *(B,L,R)*
Exclusive guided backcountry adventure, wine and hors d’oeuvres with an Alaskan homesteader

**Day +4:** Denali National Park *(B)*
Participate in optional excursions or enjoy leisure activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks

**Day +5:** Denali National Park / Talkeetna / Anchorage *(B,L)*
Travel to Anchorage by motor coach, Anchorage Museum

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

**Optional Excursions:**

- **Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation:** A behind-the-scenes look at championship Alaskan Huskies and their training with Iditarod, four-time winner, Jeff King.
- **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**

- 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.
- 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 a trained naturalist.
- Listen to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.
- Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.
- Visit Talkeetna before arriving in Anchorage for a docent-led tour through Alaska’s largest museum.
- **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 each with breakfast each morning *(accommodations subject to change)*; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service including seating in the upper level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, and breakfast *(with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages)*; a special dinner featuring a presentation by a Murie Science and Learning Center science educator; guided Denali backcountry tour with lunch; deluxe motor coach transport to Talkeetna and Anchorage with lunch; Anchorage Museum Tour; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all gratuities; and transfers between hotels and airport upon arrival and departure 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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