

7-Day Alaskan Inside Passage - MS Volendam Shore Excursions

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MENDENHALL GLACIER, RAINFOREST GARDEN & STATE MUSEUM - From \$89 USD

Juneau, Alaska is known for the surrounding glaciers and lush rainforest that make up the Tongass National Forest. What is it like to live in the forest and how does it shape the lives of its inhabitants? The answers begin with a short drive through downtown Juneau's streets en route to Mendenhall Glacier, located in Tongass National Forest, where you'll spend 90 minutes exploring the surrounding trails and waterfall offering fabulous views of the glacier. Allow time to enter the Visitor Center to check out the various exhibits and short film on the Juneau ice field.

At the Juneau Rainforest Garden, experience an intimate botanical oasis. Take a self-guided stroll among seasonal wildflowers and lush rainforest flora, and learn about Native uses of the endemic plants you see. Enjoy a light snack amid natural science displays. The resident hosts will answer any questions you may have about Alaska's natural environment.

The last part of the outing takes you to the state-of-the-art Alaska State Museum. Here, you will gain an understanding of Alaska's development. Exhibits include topics such as Alaska's indigenous peoples, the Russian era, and growth from a US territory into the 49th state. Additional attractions include a children's learning area, themed art exhibits, and NOAA's 'Science in a Sphere' which shows how our environment impacts our daily lives. From here, it's a short ride back to the ship or you may explore downtown Juneau on your own.

MENDENHALL GLACIER, HATCHERY & SALMON BAKE - From \$99 USD

Travel through Juneau's picturesque downtown to the mighty Mendenhall Glacier, a moving river of ice with rugged crevasses. Visit Macaulay Salmon Hatchery and learn about the importance of Alaska's salmon and the impact these amazing fish have on the environment and economy of the 49th state. Enjoy great eagle viewing and the variety of local marine life in aquariums. Then you'll board your motor coach and head to the traditional Alaskan salmon bake at Salmon Creek. An Alaskan feast, this salmon bake features Alaskan-caught wild salmon grilled over an open alder wood fire. Also enjoy parmesan chicken, cheesy au gratin potatoes, baked beans with reindeer sausage, wild-rice pilaf, a variety of fresh salads, cornbread and lemonade, coffee or tea. (Beverages are available at an additional charge.)

Dine beside Salmon Creek in Southeast Alaska's rainforest and listen to a local musician. A translucent roof protects you, rain or shine. After dining, toast marshmallows over a crackling

campfire and walk to view the beautiful Salmon Creek waterfall. Remnants of the historic Wagner Mine are evident here. Return to the ship by shuttle bus.

GLACIER GARDENS, HATCHERY & MENDENHALL GLACIER - From \$99 USD

Savor the rich beauty of Glacier Gardens, see the largest salmon ladder in Alaska and visit the Mendenhall Glacier.

From downtown Juneau it's a short ride to Glacier Gardens. Meet your tour guide and transfer to a covered shuttle for an intimate look at this natural wonderland of colorful plants, trees and flowers. The brilliant palette creates a dazzling contrast to the lush green forest backdrop. You will be amazed at the diversity of the rainforest as you wind along pathways carved into the mountainside, heading toward the upper regions of the forest. Visit a one-of-a-kind Alaska garden featuring towering 'upside-down trees' covered with planted flowers. From the viewing platform at the 580-foot level, capture images of the Gastineau Channel, Douglas Island and the Chilkat Mountains. Explore deeper into the forest on your return trip.

Continue to Macaulay Salmon Hatchery, where you will see an operational hatchery in action. Young salmon can be seen developing from a bird's-eye view (year round), and you can witness millions of adult salmon returning from the wild to spawn (late June-October), while learning about their fascinating reproductive cycle from experienced guides. Eagles and harbor seals are frequently seen from the spacious viewing decks overlooking the channel. You will also have the opportunity to interact with local marine life in the touch tanks and numerous aquariums.

Visit Juneau's grandest monument -- Mendenhall Glacier. This meandering river of compressed blue ice ranks as the largest glacier accessible by road in Southeast Alaska. It is a half-mile wide, hundreds of feet deep and fed by the 1,500-square-mile Juneau ice field. US Forest Service staff offer a wealth of information on glaciers during your 75-minute visit. The Visitor Center features exhibits, interactive videos and a panoramic view of the glacier -- the perfect vantage point for photos of this world-famous attraction. There are also numerous self-guided walking trails from which to experience the special beauty of Tongass National Forest and ever-changing glimpses of the glacier.

FIVE GLACIER SEAPLANE EXPLORATION - From \$249 USD

The grandeur of Alaska's epic glaciers will thrill and delight you on Juneau's only five-glacier flightseeing tour. Seeing glaciers from the air is an Alaskan must-do, and doing so by authentic Alaskan seaplane is the quintessential Alaskan experience. One of the most important modes of transportation in Alaska is the seaplane (also known as a floatplane), allowing you to escape into the true Alaskan wilderness within minutes of leaving the ship.

Your own seaplane exploration begins as your aircraft gently takes off from the historic downtown Juneau waterfront, carrying you over the remnants of Juneau's mining past.

You will soar over the lush wilderness of the Tongass National Forest to catch your first glimpse of five distinctly different, absolutely majestic glaciers making up a section of the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Ice Field. Glide over the deep crevasses and azure blue meltwater pools of the Norris, Hole-In-The-Wall, East and West Twin Glaciers, plus the famous

five-mile-wide Taku Glacier. Of the 36 named glaciers comprising the Juneau Ice Field, the Taku Glacier is the only glacier that is actually advancing -- not retreating -- and indeed is one of only a few advancing glaciers in the world.

TAKU LODGE, FEAST & FIVE GLACIER SEAPLANE DISCOVERY - From \$329 USD

You're in for the journey of a lifetime -- seaplane-only access to Alaska's famous Taku Glacier Lodge; a ride on a classic, powerful aircraft; a true wilderness setting; five massive glaciers; bears; a perspective on Alaska's vivid history with dog sledding roots; a seafood feast; and exclusive glacier-view dining. Fly in a classic de Havilland seaplane (floatplane) over five breathtaking glaciers flowing from the Juneau Ice Field, deep blue crevasses, snow-capped mountains and the lush Tongass National Forest. Seeing glaciers from the air is an Alaskan must-do, and doing so by authentic Alaskan bush plane is the quintessential Alaskan experience.

The Taku River will be your 'runway' as you land at the elegantly rustic and historic Taku Lodge, built in 1923 and located across the river from the five-mile wide Taku Glacier. This is Juneau's largest glacier and one of only a few advancing glaciers in the world.

Savor a feast of fresh, wild Alaska salmon grilled to perfection (chicken alternative available), Taku baked beans, coleslaw, pioneer fruit compote, fresh herb biscuits and sourdough bread, all made from scratch. Drinks are chilled and served with authentic glacier ice and special-recipe ginger cookies to complete the meal.

The aroma of the alderwood grill attracts not only human visitors, but also wild black bears. Take a guided interpretative nature walk, stroll the trails or soak in the serenity of a place barely touched by time before your return flight to Juneau. You can do it all with this exclusive combination tour of the Juneau area's premier attractions.

MENDENHALL GLACIER HELICOPTER & GUIDED WALK - From \$359 USD

Travel back to the Ice Age on this excursion that was featured on Good Morning America as Juneau's top-rated excursion. Board a modern, turbine-powered helicopter to enjoy breathtaking vistas of thriving rain forests, alpine ridges, and mountain peaks.

Your destination is the world-famous Mendenhall Glacier. The flight path takes you over the glacier itself, giving you an eagle's-eye view of its icy spires, deep blue crevasses and meltwater pools. Descending towards the landing site, you may fly past the Mendenhall Towers -- rock sentinels that soar to more than 7,000 feet. A gentle landing brings you to your close encounter with the ice itself. Hop out onto the ice to explore the glacier's surface with an experienced, knowledgeable guide -- a wonderful opportunity to take once-in-a-lifetime photos. Bring your binoculars -- you never know when you'll have a chance to see some of Alaska's famous wildlife.

PILOT'S CHOICE GLACIER EXPLORER BY HELICOPTER - From \$489 USD

Marvel at vistas seen by few -- high alpine lakes, 'icefalls' hanging from sheer cliffs, and some of the most remote peaks and glaciers on the Juneau Icefield. Your pilot will create the best possible flightseeing based on the weather and glacier conditions. You'll land in two different

locations, where you will continue the tour on foot. During these two landings, you will learn about the environmental and geological processes at work, creating moraines, crevasses, seracs, and the amazing glaciers themselves.

MENDENHALL GLACIER FLOAT TRIP - From \$159 USD

Your outing begins with a scenic, narrated motor coach ride and tour to beautiful Mendenhall Lake. There, you'll be treated to an excellent view of the glacier -- a half-mile wide and more than one hundred feet tall at the face. Arriving at the lake, gear up, board a raft and take off on an unforgettable adventure where you can get out into nature, learn about the area, and see the glacier, icebergs and some wildlife.

Your experienced guide will steer you across the serene waters of the lake, maneuvering past floating icebergs, to the river beyond. The speed of the water and the level of the rapids vary depending on the weather, but your highly trained guide will ensure you have a safe and fun experience. You will be rafting a five-mile stretch of river from Mendenhall Lake, in the Tongass National Forest, downstream towards Juneau Harbor.

Your guide explains the natural phenomena at work in this scenic valley. Marvel at the spectacular views of the glacier and towering peaks as you float downstream. Watch for the local wildlife, which may include -- Arctic terns, eagles, goats, salmon, otters, bears and more.

Back ashore you'll enjoy an Alaska-style snack with a warm beverage and, if you wish, purchase a photo of your rafting experience before re-boarding your motor coach for the short, relaxing ride back to your ship.

UNDERGROUND MINE EXPLORATION & GOLD PANNING - From \$79 USD

Relive Juneau's mining heritage on a tour of what was once the world's largest gold-producing mill. Hear the story of this great mine that was the heartbeat of Juneau. A short ride from the pier brings you to the site of the mill ruins, where you will venture underground into the conveyor tunnel through which crushed ore was transported to the mill. Don a hard hat and proceed on foot along a boardwalk into the 360-foot-long tunnel. Inside, experienced miners demonstrate hard rock mining techniques and give you a feel for the mining lifestyle. Return to the mill site, constructed in 1913. The Alaska Gastineau Mill was a revolutionary plant that introduced new technologies to the mining industry. A guide will explain why this process was unique, as well as explaining the different kinds of mining used in Alaska. After a brief demonstration, you can pan for gold and garnets from the tailings of the mine. Pay dirt is guaranteed and you can keep what you find. Wander among displays and the ruins. View the first locomotive to come to Alaska for the purpose of mining. Visit the gift shop and museum before you return to town.

SKAGWAY

WHITE PASS SUMMIT SCENIC RAILROAD - From \$135 USD

Take an unforgettable round trip journey aboard the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad. Against all odds, this iron trail was built through some of the North's most ruggedly beautiful terrain and more than 110 years later is still in operation.

Ride in a comfortable, restored or replica vintage rail car to the summit of the White Pass, through two tunnels, over sky-high trestles, and remote valleys. Pass Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch as your guide announces all points of interest and tells the story of the Klondike Gold Rush.

At the White Pass Summit at 2,865 feet, the train makes a loop and heads back down the pass, allowing everyone to experience the excellent views during this round trip rail journey. This narrow-gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. It shares this honor with the Panama Canal, the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty, and is truly a world wonder.

WHITE PASS RAIL & KLONDIKE HIGHWAY BY BIKE - From \$209 USD

Experience the great Northern outdoors, get some fresh air and go biking with Alaska's original bicycle company on this combination of two great excursions -- a unique way to tour Skagway and the surrounding area.

First you'll board the historic White Pass & Yukon Route narrow-gauge railroad for an incredible 1½-hour trip through the coastal mountains to British Columbia, Canada. Meet your professional guide, versed in the ecology and history of the area, who will then take you for a short van ride along the scenic Klondike Highway to the summit of the White Pass.

After a bicycle and safety orientation, it is 15 scenic miles downhill from the summit to the sea. As you coast along the paved Klondike Highway on this 1½-hour bike ride you will make multiple stops for photos of the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, cascading waterfalls, awe-inspiring glaciers, majestic mountains, and other historic sites. Your senses will awaken to sights and sounds of Alaska that can only be experienced on two wheels. You will even ride your bike across the US/Canadian border. After this thrilling ride, enjoy some free time in historic downtown Skagway before heading back to the ship.

WHITE PASS RAIL, KLONDIKE HIGHWAY & LIARVILLE GOLD CAMP - From \$179 USD

Experience an unforgettable journey along the eastern side of White Pass aboard the world-famous narrow-gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, built more than 100 years ago. You'll pass through some of the North's most rugged terrain on board a comfortable, narrow-gauge rail car as you retrace the original route through breathtaking scenery beyond the summit of White Pass at 2,865 feet. Upon reaching Fraser, British Columbia, board a motor coach for the journey down the west side of White Pass Canyon. You'll hear about Tormented Valley and Pitchfork Falls en route.

Stop at historic Liarsville, a gold rush trail camp nestled beside a waterfall at the foot of White Pass. Liarsville is named for the journalists sent here to report on the Klondike Gold Rush,

whose articles included tall tales of the prospectors' exploits. Browse the authentic camp exhibits, including antiques and garments left behind by the prospectors and those who profited from them. A cast of 'sourdoughs' and dance hall girls will entertain you with a hilarious melodrama and a poem by Robert Service, the Bard of the North. You'll also have a chance to try your hand at the art of gold panning in the Liarsville gold fields, where you are guaranteed to find some gold to keep. Enjoy a snack, shop for souvenirs or have your photo taken with a dance hall girl.

GOLD PANNING, SLED DOGS & 40 DEGREES BELOW ZERO - From \$89 USD

Come to the Klondike Gold Fields where photographs, artifacts and interpretive displays bring the past to life and immerse you in the wild history of the Klondike Gold Rush. Your adventure begins as you journey through the historic streets of downtown Skagway past wooden walkways to Dredge Town.

Meet a dog-sled musher who will show you a video presentation that introduces you to dogs of the Klondike Gold Rush and explains the sport of winter dog-sledding today. Meet and interact with the Iditarod sled dogs and their puppies, stopping first at the checkpoint tent with your musher. See all the gear a musher and dog team take with them on the long-distance, The Iditarod. Your musher will introduce you to the dog team; then (s)he will hook the dogs to a sled so you can watch a demonstration run. Upon the musher's return, you're invited to interact with the dogs and hold the puppies.

Feel the cold of an Iditarod race and experience the thrill of 40 degrees below zero for yourself. Suit up in parka and step into the 'cold chamber' for an instant deep-freeze effect. Watch water evaporate instantly and experience other memorable features of the extreme cold -- a chilling experience!

Warm up with a little gold fever. Your Gold Rush experience isn't complete until you meet a cast of costumed characters for a chance to claim your fortune at Dredge Town. Learn the art of panning for gold while you practice your technique in warm-water troughs. You can count on striking gold. Haul your swag into the Assayers' Office and have it weighed -- you can keep whatever you find. Then, take advantage of some free time to browse in the Gold Parlor for fine jewelry and gold nuggets. The Gold Shack offers fresh-baked sweets (at your own expense) and gifts galore.

LEGENDS & LIES: A GOLD RUSH SALOON EXPERIENCE - From \$99 USD

A 30-minute tour of the town kicks off this fascinating glimpse of a bygone era, when a rough and ready crowd roamed the streets of Skagway, and Paradise Alley was anything but the highway to heaven implied by its name.

You're headed to the Historic Skagway Inn, located on Paradise Alley. The establishment was famous, or perhaps infamous, for being the largest brothel in Skagway during the Gold Rush era. Just outside its doors, prospector JD Stewart was robbed of his gold takings (today's equivalent of \$77,000) -- a lesson for braggarts everywhere.

The inn is the perfect backdrop for this highly entertaining, hands-on tour that makes you'll feel as if you've stepped back in time. Enter the Saloon Dining Room to meet costumed

characters from the past. They'll treat you to a colorful rendition of their own 'biographies', as well as stories and songs from the Gold Rush.

You'll learn to make classic stamper libations -- beverages that warmed the hearts of the prospectors, both the lucky and the downtrodden. You will use ingredients straight from the inn's kitchen garden and make two different traditional drinks (with a choice of alcohol or no-alcohol recipes). These are named for the ladies of the Skagway Inn, according to an old Alaskan custom. Some of the more famous concoctions include Alice's Bucking Caribou Concoction and Essie's Northern Lights, garnished with edible gold.

As you sample the beverages and nibble on an array of snacks -- salmon or cheese quesadillas, halibut mini-cakes, chips with rhubarb salsa, and reindeer pig-in-a-blanket, you'll hear stories -- fact and fiction -- and music played on an upright piano. Finish with a Prohibition-era Shrub and Iceworm toast to your willing or unwilling induction into the great Order of the Sourdough.

ALASKA KITCHEN SCIENCE - From \$89 USD

Meet the chef and owner of the historic Skagway Inn for a behind-the-scenes look at the science that transforms farm and sea produce into delicious meals. Conduct tests using common food items and learn how simple changes can have dramatic results. You will perform three experiments, including smoking (and tasting) Alaska salmon or halibut and using purple cabbage to determine the acidity of foods. You will make your own gourmet ice cream for dessert.

GHOSTS & GOODTIME GIRLS WALKING TOUR - From \$49 USD

Step back in time and explore Skagway with one of the funny and informative madams of the Red Onion Saloon. Lavishly costumed and highly entertaining, she will greet you at your ship with a souvenir garter and guide you on a walking tour through the back alleys and former red-light districts of Skagway. This is where women of the evening rubbed elbows with notorious characters such as Soapy Smith and Frank Reid. Stories of Klondike Kate, Cad Wilson and Diamond Lil depict the lusty, adventurous, and sometimes tragic, stories of the women who stampeded north. You will pass historic and haunted Gold Rush buildings as you learn of Skagway's rich history.

Your experience ends with a stop at the world-famous Red Onion Saloon's restored Brothel Museum. Here, join in a champagne toast and explore the hallways and bedrooms of this celebrated brothel, observing original relics and images of the ladies who worked there. You may even catch a glimpse of Lydia -- the resident ghost.

SKAGWAY STREET CAR CITY TOUR - From \$44 USD

Don't miss the Skagway Street Car for a complete understanding of the city and its colorful century of history. This is your chance to experience Skagway with Alaska's original historic city tour to 'All Points of Interest' -- an informative and fun-filled 90 minutes. Skagway character Martin Itjen came north looking for Klondike gold in 1898, and instead became the town's most celebrated storyteller. The first passenger Martin took on his Skagway Street Car tour was US President Warren G. Harding. Back then, in 1923, he claimed that there was "nothing like it in the world" and he went on to delight visitors with his motorized sightseeing tour and tall tales for many decades. Today, Martin's tour lives on in Skagway.

You'll board a yellow 1927 sightseeing bus with a costumed driver, and sit back and relax as your conductor passes on a century of history, behind-the-scenes tales, and stories of life in small town Alaska.

Explore the waterfront and National Park Historic District; enjoy the panoramic views from the scenic overlook; and have your camera ready for the re-telling of Soapy Smith's gunfight at the Gold Rush Cemetery. To capture the history of this gold rush town and the pioneer families that built it, you will motor through the residential neighborhoods of Skagway, famous for their flower gardens, and pass the early childhood home of Alaska's former Governor, Sarah Palin.

GLACIER DISCOVERY BY HELICOPTER - From \$369 USD

Leave all traces of civilization behind and experience the infinite beauty of Alaska's remote glaciers. Lift off by helicopter from the historic Skagway waterfront and head into a rugged region of sheer mountains, majestic valleys and massive glaciers. Jagged peaks towering over the Chilkat Glacier, cascading waterfalls, surrounding the Ferebee Glacier, or the spectacular 'river of ice' known as the Meade Glacier, may be among the wonders you encounter. Flight routes and landing zones are selected daily to ensure that you receive the best that the area has to offer.

Once you have reached your destination, you will have the rare opportunity to explore one of nature's greatest marvels. Enjoy a walking tour of a lifetime -- over the surface of the glacier -- as your guide answers all your questions and explains the awesome forces at work.

KETCHIKAN

TOTEM BIGHT STATE PARK & KETCHIKAN HIGHLIGHTS - From \$44 USD

Begin your journey with a scenic drive along the Tongass Narrows to Totem Bight State Park, home to one of the world's largest stands of totems.

Stroll the Totem Bight trail under a canopy of majestic hemlock and cedar trees. At the end of the trail, you will find the totems. Through lively stories you will learn about the culture and lifestyles practiced by the Northwest Coastal Natives.

Step inside an authentic Native clan house. After a brief stop at the quaint Alaska Totem Trading Store, an entertaining city tour shows you the industries that have made Ketchikan the Salmon Capital of the World. Returning to the pier, catch a glimpse of Ketchikan's colorful past as you drive past the Creek Street historic red light district.

SAXMAN NATIVE VILLAGE, DANCE PERFORMANCE & TOTEM PARK - From \$59 USD

Don't be fooled by cheap imitations -- this Saxman tour provides exclusive access to the Beaver Clan House, a working Native carving center, and a chance to view the traditional Native dancers first hand. You can't buy this tour elsewhere, so if you're going to Saxman

Native Village make sure you are part of this genuine, up-close look at the rich living culture of Southeast Alaska's Native Americans.

The Tlingits welcome you in the traditional style that defines the culture of Southeast Alaska. A short video program introduces you to the culture and history of Saxman. You will then enter the Beaver Clan House where you are welcomed by song and dance. Visitors are encouraged to participate in the final dance.

At the Saxman Totem Park, discover one of the largest gatherings of totems in the world. Your guide will help unravel the mysteries of these towering, majestic poles. At the Village Carving Center, skilled craftsmen pass on their skill to eager apprentices. Fine Alaska Native art and small mementos are for sale at the Village Store.

Notes: Suitable for guests using a wheelchair with a companion to assist. Add the Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show for a great combination.

MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT BY SEAPLANE - From \$309 USD

Discover magnificent Misty Fjords National Monument with a flight aboard an authentic Alaska seaplane -- a de Havilland Beaver or Otter. These two workhorses of the skies are the world's most famous bush planes and offer you a chance to view some of the most spectacular scenery in Alaska from the comfort of a window seat.

Enjoy your pilot's narration with individual headsets on this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Follow your flight route on the provided detailed map and guide. A highlight of your tour will be an exhilarating water landing, where you can step out onto the plane's pontoon with your pilot to enjoy the fresh fjord air, eagle calls, and breathtaking scenery.

KETCHIKAN SALMON FISHING - From \$199 USD

Enjoy a 25- to 30-minute guided bus tour along the Tongass Narrows on your way to the marina. From there you will board a modern fishing boat, and head to the nearby salmon fishing grounds. Keep an eye out for eagles, whales, seals, sea lions or other wildlife. With only 4-6 guests per boat, you're off for a fine 3½- to 4-hour fishing adventure in the sheltered waters of Clover Passage.

THE GREAT ALASKAN LUMBERJACK SHOW & CRAB FEAST - From \$139 USD

Taste and experience what makes Alaska such an awesome place to visit with this Alaska-style crab-crackin' and lumberjackin' day out.

It's a short walk from the ship to the Lumberjack Sports Arena where Ketchikan celebrates its annual logging heritage Timber Carnival. Today it's the venue for the one-hour Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show extravaganza, where professionals battle it out in chopping, sawing, tree-climbing, axe-throwing, history-telling and more. Round up your rowdy friends and join in the Alaskan 'axe-tion' in this amazing competition of skill and strength. Alaska's frontier lumberjacks battle British Columbia's premier woodsmen in a no-holds-barred competition for the 'Bull of the Woods' title. These world-champion athletes wear spiked boots and hard hats, competing in 12 athletic events with seven-pound axes, six-foot razor sharp saws, tree climbing gaffs, and souped-up chainsaws. Your cheers will turn to roars of excitement as axes fly through the air, and men free-fall from tall trees and run atop spinning logs floating in the

water. Meet the surviving lumberjacks after the show for photos! Next up, a narrated coach drive takes you through Ketchikan, past some of the iconic landmarks and popular attractions of this charming waterfront town.

Come hungry for the all-you-can-eat crab feast at the rustic-yet-elegant George Inlet Lodge. This magnificent lodge that was once an old cannery and was moved across the ocean to its current location. Dine on fresh Dungeness crab, baby red potatoes, delicious oriental salad and a fabulous cheesecake with blueberry toppings for dessert.

TATOOSH ISLANDS SEA KAYAKING - From \$159 USD

Join this memorable trip into the Tongass Rainforest to the Tatoosh Islands, to paddle with Ketchikan's most experienced local sea kayaking company among magnificent scenery and wildlife sighting opportunities. Take a 25-minute van ride; then, a fast and fun boat ride brings you to a world of ancient cedars, spruce and western hemlock trees.

At the remote and protected Tatoosh Islands, your guides greet you and present a quick but thorough orientation. Get into your double kayak and set off, beginning with some practice strokes as you approach the sheltered islands. Surrender to the peacefulness of the setting as you glide along the wild rocky shoreline. Bald eagles peer down from overhead while seals often pop up to take a peek. The intertidal zone includes mink, river otter, orange and purple starfish, red and white jellyfish, mussels and seaweeds. Further out in the floating bull kelp, watch for harbor seals, who watch back with a shy and curious disposition. Keep an eye out for humpback whales, sea lions and orca. Black bears and wolves have been sighted here as well.

RAINFOREST SANCTUARY WALK, TOTEMS & EAGLES - From \$99 USD

This eco-exploration includes a guided nature hike, bald eagles, a Native totem carver and a historic sawmill at an exclusive reserve located in the forested mountains at rustic Herring Cove. A pristine natural environment, it is home to bald eagles, black bear, seals and a variety of birds and other species attracted by the major salmon runs in the abundant marine estuary.

BACKCOUNTRY ZODIAC EXPEDITION - From \$199 USD

Skipper a custom-built motorized inflatable along the remarkable coastlines of Revillagigado Island and Gravina Island -- proposed home to the now-infamous and politically-charged 'Bridge to Nowhere'. Listen to a short briefing; then, gear up with top-of-the-line rainwear, hat, gloves, socks, boots and safety glasses. Keep your camera handy, as this seafaring adventure offers photo opportunities from the moment you set out.

You're in charge of your four-passenger boat and will steer yourself into the beauty of Alaska far away from the crowds. Follow your guide to the harbor in front of Saxman Native Village for a chat about the totem poles and Tlingit culture.

MISTY FJORDS CRUISE & FLOATPLANE ADVENTURE - From \$389 USD

This unique tour of the Misty Fjords National Monument combines sea and air for a complete Alaskan experience. Your memorable 3¾-hour journey starts when you board a luxury catamaran and speed off into the heart of the Monument -- one of nature's most majestic creations. Marvel as you glide past towering cliffs and astonishing 1,000-foot waterfalls that

plunge dramatically into the fjord's emerald waters. The Misty Fjords are also known as the Yosemite of the North, thanks to its similar geology. The glacial valleys are around 50 to 70 million years old and have been sculpted by rivers of ice that have driven deep U-shaped troughs throughout the landscape.

Along the way, your guide will point out an active eagle's nest, and Punchbowl Cove, home to columnar basalt formations and the colorful Mossy Wall Bird Rookery. You will discover New Eddystone Rock, a volcanic plug rising 237 feet from the water, illustrating the dramatic geologic forces that shaped this area six million years ago.

During this superb trip you will be offered an assortment of snacks and beverages, while a naturalist provides in-depth commentary on the area's natural history. Stay ever-vigilant as you may see bears, mountain goats, timber wolves, seals, sea lions and killer whales from the comfort of the cabin, or feel the mist on your face on the outside deck.

Once you have arrived at the far reaches of a secluded cove, you will then transfer to an authentic Alaskan floatplane. Only from the air can you truly appreciate the magnitude of this 2.3-million-acre national treasure, so prepare to delight in the sensation of soaring for 25 wonderful minutes over pristine wilderness, enjoying unspoiled forest and lakes. Returning to Ketchikan, your unique aerial view will allow you to enjoy the stunning panoramic views of the city and your ship, before your expert pilot makes a water landing.

HUNTING FOR HALIBUT - From \$369 USD

This is the experience many anglers dream of when planning an Alaskan vacation, fishing for the largest flatfish in the world, the Pacific Halibut. Imagine catching your first wild halibut with your friends or family and the bragging rights that will come with sharing your experience back home. Unlike many other Alaska destinations, Ketchikan fishing is in protected waters a short ride from downtown Ketchikan. No matter your skill level, you'll experience halibut fishing like a local, with a halibut rod and Penn reel in your own two hands, working the sandy flats, drifting with the current, jigging in waters as deep as 300 feet.

Spend the day with an experienced Alaskan fishing guide, in pursuit of the elusive halibut, learning the secrets of fishing circle hooks, working the tides and battling your catch. Fully outfitted and accompanied by an experienced guide, your only job will be to catch the fish -- a job that requires a little patience, a steady jigging arm, and perseverance at the reel.