Olympic Wilderness

Explore the San Juan Islands

aboard the 76-guest Wilderness Discoverer

APRIL 30–MAY 7, 2016 • 8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

ACCOMPANYING PROFESSOR
David Dethier, Edward Brust Professor of Geology and Mineralogy

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offer ends November 30, 2015

Cross-Culture Journeys
North of Seattle the towering mountains and old-growth forests of the Olympic Range surround the prolific Salish Sea, which threads around the archipelago of the San Juan Islands.

Some islands are home to residents and vacationers who love the wilderness and the water, and a few long-standing communities including the Native American Coast Salish. More of the islands are the domain of eagles, cormorants and puffins, porpoises, sea lions and migrating whales. You’ll have plenty of opportunities for hiking, small-boat exploration, and wildlife viewing.

The 76-guest Wilderness Discoverer is a comfortable, casual ship where you’ll have an outside cabin and a team of expert guides and naturalists. You can seize the chance for adventure, or enjoy the dramatic interplay of land, sea and creatures from the deck. The life around you is awe-inspiring from any vantage point including the bow-mounted undersea camera, which feeds your cabin TV.

Traveling with you is Professor David Dethier, who studies what the earth’s surface reveals about its history. Having worked at some of the very sites you will visit, and in mountainous areas from Colorado to the Berkshires, he’s the ideal person to bring the rocky outcroppings to life. Your naturalist guides will accompany you as you enjoy the creatures of land and sea, the local history, and the pleasures of life aboard, which include fresh salmon, native oysters, distinguished craft beer, and of course good company.
Dear alumni, parents and friends of Williams

What could be more inviting than a small ship moving through sheltered waters sprinkled with intriguing islands? That’s just part of what’s offered on this cruise through the San Juan Islands. Around you are islands with magnificent old-growth forests, parks and habitat preserves, historic towns and peaceful harbors. The abundant wildlife of Puget Sound includes eagles, puffins and other sea birds, as well as marine mammals such as orcas, porpoises and sea lions.

Your Williams faculty commentator is Professor David Dethier of the Geosciences Department, who led our rafting trip on the Yampa several years ago. Dave has thoroughly studied the San Juan Islands, which he describes as “the rocky remnants of a once-bigger mountain range, now separated by deep channels carved by repeated glaciation.” He adds, “The bedrock is hundreds of millions of years old, but the glacial sculpting ended a mere 14,000 years ago, leaving the youthful, tectonically active landscape we’ll travel through. Surrounding marine waters are productive, supporting a wide variety of pelagic and shoreline birds and allowing the spotting of the Orcas which patrol the area.”

The good life aboard the Wilderness Discoverer is another pleasant dimension of the cruise. You can be as active or as relaxed as you wish, all the while enjoying tasty food and good company. I hope that you will be able to join this modestly-priced cruise and discover the rich environment at the northwest borders of the Lower Forty-eight. To reserve the cabin of your choice and save $500 per couple/$250 per person, please send in the registration form or call Cross-Culture Journeys at 800-491-1148.

All good wishes,

Robert V. Behr
Alumni Travel-Study Office
413-597-4011 • RBehr@Williams.edu
Fly to Seattle, which surrounds Elliott Bay near the southern end of Puget Sound, transfer with other participants to Fishermen’s Terminal and board Wilderness Discoverer. Begin your cruise through the Lake Washington Ship Canal that connects the lake to Puget Sound. As you pass through the saltwater barrier of the Ballard Locks (formally, Chittenden Locks), note the adjacent fish ladder that allows salmon and other fish to migrate to Puget Sound and return to their fresh-water spawning grounds. Take in the view of Seattle’s waterfront before dropping anchor in one of the peaceful bays along a fjord; then enjoy the Captain’s reception and your welcome dinner aboard.

NOTE: We advise you to arrive in Seattle on Friday, April 29, enjoy some of the city’s many offerings, and spend the night in the hotel of your choice. You will receive directions for transferring to Fishermen’s Terminal.

Monday, May 2

CAPTAIN’S CHOICE
You could start the day with a soak in the on-deck hot tub or a paddle along the shores of the Olympic Peninsula, or both! Your captain sets the course today. Explorations in the rain shadow of the Salish Sea await you: you may find yourself hiking deep into the mossy, towering old growth of the Olympic Peninsula or beachcombing for anemone and hermit crabs along the shores of Puget Sound. Kayak and paddle board in protected bays, investigate bird rookeries, or search for whales in the sea’s rich emerald waters.

Along the way you’ll learn the history of Puget Sound’s “Triangle of Fire,” three forts built in 1899 and fortified until 1955 for the defense of Puget Sound. Now Fort Casey on Whidbey Island has been restored, and the other two, Fort Flagler on Marrowstone Island and Fort Worden in Port Townsend, have become popular multi-use state parks.

Average temperature and precipitation ranges in season (in degrees Fahrenheit)

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— TOUR INCLUSIONS —

• Private coach transfers and baggage handling if arriving on April 30 by 1pm, and departing on May 7 at or after 12 noon
• Lectures and commentary by David Dethier, Edward Brust Professor of Geology and Mineralogy
• Seven nights accommodation in outside cabin or suite on Wilderness Discoverer
• All meals onboard: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners (most special diets can be accommodated with advance notice)
• Non-alcoholic beverages available throughout the day
• Sauna, hot tub, fitness equipment & massage room
• Library of DVDs, books and games
• Daily small-group activities with Expedition Leaders
• Use of kayaks, paddle boards, inflatable skiffs, hiking poles
• Entry fees to parks and preserves
• Expedition staff available on board as well as ashore
• Craft beer expert accompanying the cruise
• Pre-departure materials including reading lists and packing suggestions

— NOT INCLUDED —

• Airfare and other flight expenses such as baggage fees
• Airport transfers outside designated time period (available at additional cost)
• Gratuities for ship staff and expedition team (may be paid with U.S. dollars, or credit cards; will be shared equally by all crew members)
• Any optional activities offered at extra cost
• Snorkeling equipment and wetsuits, available for a nominal daily use fee
• Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, massages, satellite phone use (limited to emergency use) and other items not listed as included
• Port charges and taxes
• Travel or health insurance

— ACCOMMODATIONS —

LOCATION      ACCOMMODATIONS      RATING (Hotel & Travel Index)
Cruise         MV Wilderness Discoverer  First-Class Equivalent

See our website for full terms and conditions.
Tuesday, May 3

LOPEZ ISLAND • SAN JUAN ISLAND

Today you reach one of the most scenic areas of the Salish Sea, Lopez Island and nearby San Juan Island. The rocky outcroppings of Lopez Island attract harbor seals. This is also orca whale territory. Whether you opt for kayaking above the surface or donning a wetsuit and snorkeling below, you’ll find sea mammals and other wildlife.

Join your expedition crew on deck searching for whales, seals and sea lions as you cruise through the myriad San Juans, where no two islands are the same. Drop anchor near San Juan Island, the second largest land mass in the archipelago, to explore tide pools and skiff or kayak into hidden coves (as conditions permit). B/L/D

Wednesday, May 4

ORCAS ISLAND

This morning your Captain navigates through scenic channels to Orcas Island, where one of your choices is a hike on Mt. Constitution. You’ll be rewarded with a stunning view of the archipelago. On a clear day the vista encompasses all the San Juan Islands, the Cascade Mountains to the east, the Olympic Mountains to the south, and Mt. Ranier, the highest of the Cascades. Orcas is also a good base for exploring by kayak, whether you’re a beginner or an expert. B/L/D

Thursday, May 5

SUCIA ISLAND

Sucia Island, with a population of four, is considered the crown jewel of the San Juan marine park system. Washington State Marine Park is filled with hidden coves and bays. Over the ages plate tectonics and
waves that erode the glacial silt have created a landscape of peninsulas, reefs and caverns. While Wilderness Discoverer lies at anchor you may explore the intertidal zone with your expedition team, kayak with them in a protected bay, and take a walk across the island. Weather permitting, we’ll have a barbecue ashore. Back on board this evening, enjoy the farewell dinner and a slide show with highlights of your week’s adventure. B/L/D

Friday, May 6

SALISH SEA • DECEPTION PASS

Cruise on the Salish Sea, which encompasses the protected network of waterways between the coast of British Columbia and the northwestern tip of Washington State. It is home to many species of fish and birds, 20 species of marine mammals, and thousands of invertebrates. The timing of today’s adventures depends on tides and currents. In the morning we will be watching for whales and for birds, possibly around Protection Island, a National Wildlife Refuge and nesting site for tufted puffins and rhinoceros auklets. End the day with shore walks, a moderate hike, or kayaking near Deception Pass. This narrow channel, with its whirlpools and dramatic current shifts, is surrounded by Deception Pass State Park, which offers walking trails and outstanding views. B/L/D

Saturday, May 7

SEATTLE: DISEMBARK WILDERNESS DISCOVERER • RETURN HOME OR EXTEND YOUR TRIP

After breakfast, disembark at Fishermen’s Terminal and transfer to Sea-Tac Airport for your flight home or for the continuation of your trip. B
MV Wilderness Discoverer

www.ccjourneys.com  800.491.1148  www.smallshiptravel.com
The 76-guest Wilderness Discoverer provides a comfortable and well-equipped base for viewing the ever-changing sights outside! Each of the 38 cabins offers a sizeable view window. Whether you’re in your cabin, in the lounge or on the sun deck, you’re never far from the world around you.

**Public spaces**

*Discoverer* provides a number of observation areas and comfortable places for dining and socializing. On the main deck, the dining room and a spacious lounge that’s reminiscent of a park lodge or a neighborhood pub are well furnished with windows as well. The partially-covered sun deck offers either relaxation or activity as well as splendid scenery, with a hot tub, a sauna, fitness equipment and yoga mats. A bow-mounted camera beams the underwater view to the screen in the lounge and your cabin, and a hydrophone allows you to listen to sounds below the surface. The interior and most of the exterior are smoke-free, with smoking permitted outside only in one area of the aft deck.

**Cabins**

There are four cabin categories, all with windows for viewing. Several cabins may be reserved as singles or triples. Explorer cabins, near the bridge on the Sun Deck, feature a large picture window, beds that can be arranged as queen or twins, and a sitting area. Pathfinder cabins open directly on the Observation Deck. The beds are queen, double or double with a bench seat. Trailblazer cabins on the Observation Deck and Navigator Cabins on the Main Deck also have queen beds convertible to twin. All cabins are provided with memory-foam mattresses, air conditioning, a flat-screen TV/DVD player, and an iPod docking station, and are decorated with contemporary colors that reflect the environment. The private baths are equipped with a shower, hair dryer and toiletries.
Dining

The casual-style dining aboard Wilderness Discoverer features fresh ingredients, including many obtained locally. The early-riser continental breakfast opens around 6am with fresh fruit, pastries and breads baked on board, and beverages. The full breakfast buffet with a variety of hot items begins at 7:30 or 8am. Lunch is also served buffet style, with dishes ranging from pasta salads and sandwiches to homemade soups and ethnic specialties.

Dinner, at 7 or 7:30pm, is usually a served three-course meal with several options including meat, seafood and vegetarian dishes for the main course. Most special dietary needs can be met with advance notice. The varied dessert offerings feature the creations of the pastry chef. Nonalcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea, soda and juice are included; wines, microbrews and spirits are available.

In addition to the plentiful meals, appetizers are offered at the daily cocktail hour, and non-alcoholic beverages are provided through the day.

Land excursions

An experienced crew of guides and naturalists will lead your land expeditions. Each evening they will review the next day’s options and help you to choose your activities according to your interests, fitness level and experience. Hiking poles are available to those who enjoy walking with them.

Wilderness Discoverer carries a fleet of two-person sea kayaks. For many intermittent paddlers and would-be paddlers, the main challenge is entering and exiting the boat. The expedition guides will use the EZ Dock launch platform in the stern to help you launch your kayak safely and efficiently, and to bring you and the kayak back on deck when you return. In suitable waters those who wish may use stand-up paddle boards or inflatable skiffs.
**MV Wilderness Discoverer**

**Deck Plan**

**SHIP DATA**

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**Explorer Cabin (XPL)**

Sitting area; queen or twin beds
large picture window; private bath
with shower

**Pathfinder Cabin (PATH)**

Outside entry; double bed with or
without bench seat; view window;
private bath with shower

**Trailblazer Cabin (TRBL)**

Queen or twin beds; view
window; private bath
with shower

**Navigator Cabin (NAVR)**

Queen or twin beds; view
window; private bath
with shower

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*All cabins are above deck with view windows.*

# Double or triple accommodation | * Single or double accommodation | ° Fixed twin beds
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Dates & Prices

April 30–May 7, 2016

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Cruise & land only: pricing is per person, double occupancy | Port charges: $150

Single supplement: 75% additional supplement for all cabin categories

BONUS SAVINGS

Book and pay by November 30, 2015 and save $500 per couple/$250 per person!

Activity Level—You may partake of the full range of this itinerary if you are able to enjoy comfortably paced, moderate walks on paths and trails that may include uneven terrain. Excursions are ranked at one of five activity levels, and when more demanding hikes are offered, as on Orcas Island, there are alternatives. The cruise has much to offer guests who prefer moderate activity and those who enjoy viewing the surroundings from the ship’s observation deck or the lounge. Expedition leaders will advise and support you in learning new skills, but as long as you can board a skiff from the launch platform you will have a close-up view of many sites around you.

Mobility—This cruise is not recommended for travelers with mobility limitations. There are no elevators on board, and some of the doors have lips that you will need to step over. If you are concerned about the suitability of the cruise, please contact the tour operator.

Itinerary—Itineraries are guidelines and will change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters. The sites and order of days may vary.

For full terms and conditions and a printed brochure, please call 800.491.1148 or visit www.ccjourneys.com.
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to confirm your reservation for Olympic Wilderness: Explore the San Juan Islands. The applicable deposit is being paid by:

☐ the enclosed check for $______________
☐ my credit card for $______________

(If paying by credit card, please complete the credit card information at right)

Traveler One

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Traveler Two

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Preferred US departure airport

TRAVELER ONE
TRAVELER TWO

Cabin options

I/we would like to book the following cabin category:
☐ Navigator Cabin (NAVR)
☐ Trailblazer Cabin (TRBL)
☐ Pathfinder Cabin (PATH)
☐ Explorer Cabin (XPL)

I wish to share a room or cabin with:

☐ I prefer a single room, subject to availability.
☐ I would like to share a twin room, if a roommate is available (shares are not guaranteed).

Credit card information

☐ I authorize Cross-Culture to charge the applicable deposit per person, per program or segment of combination programs to the following credit card:

CREDIT CARD NUMBER
EXPIRATION DATE                                                         SECURITY CODE

(Our bank requires the embossed digits plus the last three digits printed in the signature box on the back of your card)

CARD HOLDER’S NAME (as it appears on the credit card)

SIGNATURE—TRAVELER ONE
SIGNATURE—TRAVELER TWO

By making a deposit and enrolling in a Cross-Culture travel program, I am indicating that I have read and understand and agree to the General Terms and Conditions included in this package and on the website(s).
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Terms & Conditions

Please read this information carefully, as payment of the $1,000 deposit per person represents your agreement with the following Terms and Conditions.

Your deposit can be charged to a MasterCard or Visa credit card or paid by check. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required at the time of the booking. Final payment for land tours is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Make your check payable to “Cross-Culture, LLC” and send it to: 12 White Pine Road, Amherst, MA 01002. The final payment for small-ship cruises is due at least 120 days prior to departure. If final payment is not paid when due, Cross-Culture Journeys (CCJ) reserves the right to regard the reservation as cancelled. If the trip is fully booked when we receive your deposit, we will return your payment, or with your authorization, we will retain your deposit and place your name on a priority waiting list in case other participants cancel.

CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS AND CHANGES

If you find you must cancel your trip, you must send Cross-Culture Journeys written notice of your cancellation, by mail, e-mail, or fax. All refunds are based on the date the written notice is received in the Williams College office. No partial refunds allowed. Refunds are based on the following schedule:

FOR CRUISES (INCLUDING PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS)

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Any changes to reservation: $150 administrative fee

Changes to post-tour extension or departure city will result in a $100 per person administrative fee in addition to any fees or charges imposed by third parties.

Name changes are considered a cancellation, and the above-listed charges apply. If you are a no-show, if you cancel your trip after the departure date, or if you leave a trip already in progress, you will not receive any refund for any unused portion of your trip.

Note: Air refunds, if any, are determined by the individual airlines. Cross-Culture Journeys, may, in order to take advantage of schedules and competitive pricing, purchase airlines tickets in advance. These tickets are non-refundable within 95 days of departure.

TOUR PRICING & INCLUSIONS

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2016, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your gateway city (when purchasing tour with airfare), meals, performances, admissions and scheduled group excursions as noted in the itinerary, hotel taxes, airport transfers for group flights, baggage handling for two bags per person, services of a Cross-Culture Journeys Travel Guide (if applicable), gratuities to hotels (does not include gratuities for the guide and driver or for shipboard staff), restaurants, and local guides (does not include gratuities for the guide and driver). Please note that air upgrades, airline taxes, fuel surcharges, departure fees, governmental fees and port charges are subject to change.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR PRICE

Passport and visa fees; airfare from your hometown to your gateway city; airline and governmental taxes, fees and surcharges; personal expenses such as telephone, communication charges, laundry, beverages, room service, and meals not specified; excess baggage fees, departure, airport and port charges (which will be listed as separate items on your invoice); independent transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to program guide and driver, and to shipboard staff, optional activities or shore excursions; flights connecting two or more programs and cancellation, travel and health insurance.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

A valid passport is required for all Williams College/CCJ programs. A visa may be required for some of our programs. As we continue to add new destinations, it is your responsibility to check with the appropriate country for their visa requirements. Williams College and/or CCJ is not responsible in any way for providing you with information related to passport and/or visa requirements. Williams College and/or CCJ does not accept any responsibility in your failure to secure the necessary documentation for your trip.

HEALTH & WALKING

Participants in this Williams College and CCJ program should be in good physical condition and prepared to enjoy walking, often over uneven cobblestones. We ask you to appraise your own capabilities honestly. And, we ask that you be considerate of the other group members and do not delay the scheduled group activities. We do not provide assistance if you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs; in such cases a companion who will assist you must accompany you. Williams College and/or CCJ reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant should such person’s health or deportment impede the operation of the trip or enjoyment of any other participant. If Williams College and/or CCJ decides not to retain a participant during the trip, Williams College and/or CCJ assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the trip or for any additional expenses incurred by the participant.

TRAVEL INSURANCE—WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR INVESTMENT IN CASE YOU HAVE TO CANCEL OR INTERRUPT YOUR VACATION.

This coverage will offset cancellation charges in the event of illness before or during your trip. Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Baggage and Personal Effects, and Baggage/Travel Delay are some of the benefits of the Preferred Benefits Travel Insurance. Details and an insurance application will be sent along with your confirmation packet.

PHOTOGRAPHY ON TOUR

Cross-Culture Journeys reserves the right to take photographs or video during the operation of any tour or part thereof, and to use the resulting images or video for promotional purposes. By booking a reservation with Williams College and CCJ, you agree to allow your image to be used for such purposes, without compensation. If you prefer that your image not be used, you must identify yourself to the guide at the commencement of the tour.

RISK ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE

Each person signing this Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Release on the registration form agrees as follows.

I am voluntarily participating in this trip with the knowledge of the risks and dangers to person and property involved in international travel, including but not limited to risks of physical exertion, forces of nature, wild animals, transportation failures (whether due to cancellation, accident or equipment breakdown), impure or tainted food or water, civil unrest, terrorism, crime, high altitude, accident or illness, unavailability or poor quality of medical supplies or services, and stolen or lost luggage. I accept these risks and acknowledge (i) that I am responsible for my own welfare and safety and (ii) that neither Cross-Culture Journeys nor The President and Trustees of Williams College, including their officers, employees and agents, is responsible or able to prevent any injury, illness, loss or harm that I may incur as a result of participating in this trip.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this trip, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and do hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless, Cross-Culture Journeys and The President and Trustees of Williams College, their officers, trustees, employees and agents (the “Indemnitees”), from and for any and all such liability for any loss, injury or damage, including without limitation any and all such liability arising from the negligence of the Indemnitees, which may be sustained by me during, or as a result of, or directly or indirectly related to my participation in this trip.

I have read, and understand, this Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Release, and I agree that this agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate. This agreement shall be governed by, and interpreted and enforced in accordance with, Massachusetts law.

For full Terms and Conditions please contact 800.491.1148.