WILD ALASKA ESCAPE: LECONTE BAY, WRANGELL & THE MISTY FJORDS

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS | JULY 5-10, 2024

TRAVEL WITH STUDY LEADER JAMES T. CARLTON, PROFESSOR OF MARINE SCIENCES EMERITUS

ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
DEAR ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS:

Join fellow Ephs and Williams Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus Jim Carlton for the most immersive and comprehensive Alaskan experience you can have in less than a week on this Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangell & the Misty Fjords voyage. Over the course of six thrilling days, you’ll dive deep into Tlingit culture, tradition, and heritage. Plus, explore beautiful, untouched landscapes covered in cedar and hemlock forests, wildflower-dotted meadows, and narrow, steep-walled fjords carved by towering glaciers. The intimately scaled National Geographic Sea Bird is well equipped for adventure with a fleet of Zodias, kayaks, and paddleboards—so you can get even closer to Alaska’s famous wildlife and stunning landscapes.

Wild Alaska Escape traverses the regions of Southeast Alaska known for salmon-rich waters that draw hungry bears out into plain sight, forest-covered mountains, and enchanting untouched isles. You’ll get up close to it all as you hike, cruise by Zodiac, and kayak alongside fellow alumni travelers. Our team of onboard experts—an expedition leader, naturalists, and undersea specialist—will further illuminate the amazing wildlife and culture you will encounter, and a certified photo instructor will help you capture every moment of your experience.

Disembark on daily adventures to explore Alaska’s wilderness. Sail up Behm Canal into Misty Fjords National Monument and into peaceful, secluded inlets in search of sunbathing seals. Venture by Zodiac through the fjords carved out by LeConte or Sawyer Glacier and, if conditions allow, walk along the shoreline among the ice sculptures on the beach. Keep your binoculars on hand as we cruise past the rocky banks along Sumner Strait to spot black bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, and soaring bald eagles—plus, keep an eye out for surfaced whales and sea otters gliding around our ship. You’ll also enjoy a rare opportunity to explore Eastern Passage and Blake Channel, the narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island.

This family-friendly adventure is an exceptional way to see Alaska and its unmatched scenery over six active days—with the unique opportunity to further extend your travel with Professor Carlton and Williams on a complementary departure from Juneau to Sitka, July 10-15, 2024. To reserve your space on the July 5-10, 2024 departure, please return the reservation form or call our group representative at Lindblad Expeditions at 833-985-1261.

Sincerely,

Leila Derstine
Director of Alumni Engagement Programs
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Please review the Williams College participation agreement information here: https://bit.ly/WilliamsAlumTravel-Agreement

Cover Photo: Humpback whale breaches surface in Alaska.
Opposite: Sacred totem poles in Ketchikan; guests observe glacier up close via Zodiac; perched bald eagle.
Ship’s registry: United States

Williams College Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus James T. Carlton is a world-renowned marine ecologist whose research is focused on the environmental history of coastal marine ecosystems, including non-native species invasions and modern-day extinctions. His research sites include the Galapagos Islands, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of North and South America. He is Founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal Biological Invasions, a Pew Fellow for Marine Conservation, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, and he has been a Distinguished Research Fellow of the University of California at Davis’s Bodega Marine Laboratory, as well as the Paul Ilg Distinguished Lecturer at the University of Washington Friday Harbor Laboratories. He has authored or co-authored more than 275 peer-reviewed publications and co-edited/authored 6 books. Jim received his undergraduate degree in Paleontology from the University of California-Berkeley, his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California Davis, and did his postdoctoral work at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.
DISCOVER AN AUTHENTIC, WILD ALASKA UNREACHABLE BY THE BIG SHIPS

Discover wild Alaska through an unrivaled experience. The 31-cabin National Geographic Sea Bird is nimble enough to navigate narrow channels and glide past the soaring cliffs of Misty Fjords National Monument, and our fleet of Zodiacs will take you even closer. Kayak or stand-up paddleboard through salmon-studded waters to observe Alaskan wildlife such as humpbacks, killer whales, sea otters, and sea lions up close. The adventure continues on land with guided hikes through the moss-draped cedar forests of the Tongass National Forest, shoreline walks among the intertidal zone, and an exploration of the quaint town of Wrangell, where you can choose to take a jet boat ride up the Stikine River.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE REGION’S FASCINATING HISTORY AND CULTURE

Located in the heart of the beautiful Tongass National Forest and settled by the Tlingit approximately 5,000 years ago, the town of Wrangell evokes the pioneer spirit while preserving native heritage. Explore the interesting history of fur trade and the gold rush, tour Chief Shakes Tribal House, and visit a beach covered in the largest concentration of native petroglyphs in Southeast Alaska. Ketchikan is also a cultural hub and trip highlight, with a visit to the Saxman Native Village where you’ll take in the largest collection of standing Native American totem poles in the world, plus learn about how the fishing industry in the salmon capital of the world sustains the local economy.

Opposite: Totem pole at Saxman Village tribal house; humpback whale performs tail-slaps in Icy Strait; Misty Fjords National Monument. This page: Hop on a kayak to enjoy individual exploration; ancient Alaskan petroglyphs in stone.
YOUR BASE FOR ADVENTURE

Reliable and intimately scaled, the 31-cabin National Geographic Sea Bird is built to sail around craggy coastlines and is nimble enough to navigate narrow channels that are inaccessible to larger ships. Her welcoming public spaces foster a sense of community and shipboard life, where everyone is integral to our shared experience. Join fellow passengers in the lounge with a full-service bar or over a casual dinner in our open-seating-style dining room. Take advantage of the onboard fitness equipment, receive a rejuvenating treatment in the LEXspa room, or relax in your cabin—featuring beautiful Alaskan views, climate controls, and other comfortable amenities. Plus, all guests are invited to learn more about navigation and get to know your captain and officers on the open Bridge.

WELL EQUIPPED FOR EXTRAORDINARY EXPLORATION

The National Geographic Sea Bird is packed with best-in-class gear to help you fully immerse yourself in the intricate ecosystems around you. Cruise remote islands, inlets and coves in our fleet of Zodiacs, or hop on a kayak or paddleboard for individual exploration. Our onboard team of naturalists are here to share their love of the landscape, flora, fauna, and culture that will surround you. Plus, an undersea specialist offers deeper discovery of the fascinating life below the surface using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and underwater video camera to capture footage of fascinating sea creatures, big and small.
An exceptional expedition team is key to your in-depth experience. You’ll travel with a veteran expedition leader and several naturalists who know the intricate geology, history, and culture that span from Juneau to Ketchikan and love to share their knowledge with guests. An undersea specialist will unveil the sealife all around you, while an on-duty wildlife spotter is always ready to alert guests of noteworthy sightings like a black bear foraging on the shoreline. A wellness specialist is available for relaxing spa treatments.

From black bears hunting for clams on remote forest-covered islands to chatty sea lions sunning on rocky shores, you will capture memories that will live on long after your trip comes to an end. On every Lindblad expedition you will have the benefit of a certified photo instructor at your side. They will help you with anything from camera settings to the basics of composition. Every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can learn from our photographers, pick up tips of the trade, and take home incredible photos.
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6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS—ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD

Every day you’ll get off the ship to explore on this active voyage—to hike, kayak, cruise by Zodiac, or stand-up paddleboard. Choose a hike bushwhacking through the woods or take a more leisurely stroll with a naturalist to identify the flora and fauna. Plus, immerse yourself in the history and culture that surrounds you on every stop of our journey—from Native American art and meeting with local merchants to unveiling the untold stories of the Tlingit people who’ve lived here for generations.

DAY 1: KETCHIKAN, ALASKA/EMBARK
Arrive in Ketchikan, the southernmost city in Alaska, spread at the base of forested slopes on Revillagigedo Island. Its many monikers, from “salmon capital of the world” to “rain capital of Alaska,” capture the spirit of this city, famous for colorful buildings and abundant fishing boats and canneries. Embark the National Geographic Sea Bird in time for cocktails and an introduction to the ship’s staff and crew. (D)

DAY 2: MISTY FJORDS NATIONAL MONUMENT
Wake up this morning to catch the sunrise over the stunning cliffs of Misty Fjords National Monument, rising more than 2,000 feet above the deep blue waters of the fjord. Watch wisps of clouds drift down the winding waterway and drape over green peaks as we cruise through the mists that give this extraordinary landscape its name. Set out by Zodiac and kayak to get close to the forested banks and the many dramatic waterfalls cascading down the cliffs. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: WRANGELL
This morning we arrive in the small town of Wrangell on Wrangell Island, where the Tlingit have made their home for thousands of years. Opt for a jet boat excursion up the Stikine River or explore town, including a visit to Chief Shakes Tribal House and the Petroglyph Beach, home to the highest concentration of petroglyphs in Southeast Alaska. Or, at an additional cost, join a day trip to Anan Creek Bear Observatory to witness black and brown bears feasting on salmon runs. (Additional $390 per person.) This afternoon we’ll cruise
narrow waterways on the backside of Wrangell Island, where other ships rarely venture. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: SUMNER STRAIT**

Navigate the stunning Wrangell Narrows, an area inaccessible to larger ships, and then cruise into the Sumner Strait, keeping watch for humpback whales surfacing and sea otters gliding through the clear water around our ship. Explore the coast by kayak or Zodiac and go ashore to trace bear trails through forests intersected by crystalline salmon streams as you learn about the rainforest ecosystem from our naturalists. Fix your binoculars on the banks to spot Sitka black-tailed deer and moose as well as black bears, wolves, and bald eagles that frequent the shoreline in search of plentiful salmon. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: LECONTE BAY OR TRACY ARM**

Today we explore the LeConte Glacier, one of the most active glaciers in Southeast Alaska and the southernmost tidewater glacier in the Northern Hemisphere. Icebergs regularly break off from the glacier face, getting caught in this shallow moraine and along the shoreline. Take advantage of spectacular photographic opportunities, practicing tricks and tips from one of our certified photo instructor. Our experienced captain will read the ice and bring us as close as possible to the glacier, where we’ll set out by Zodiac to navigate among these surreal floating sculptures. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: JUNEAU**

Disembark in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, spread out on the banks of the Gastineau Channel at the base of Mount Juneau and Mount Roberts. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

**EXPLORE MORE ALASKA**

Combine this itinerary with Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Inian Islands and Tracy Arm Fjord for an 11-day epic Alaska experience. Receive 10% savings for booking back-to-back plus enjoy an exclusive 5-Glacier Seaplane Discovery experience.

**DAY 7: TRACY ARM-FORDS TERROR WILDERNESS**

**DAY 8: HAINES**

**DAY 9: INIAN ISLANDS**

**DAY 10: EXPLORING BARANOF OR CHICHAGOF ISLANDS**

**DAY 11: SITKA/DISEMBARK**

See page 13.
CAPACITY: 31 outside cabins accommodating 62 guests.
OVERALL LENGTH: 152 feet
REGISTRY: United States
PUBLIC AREAS: The ship features a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables; and LEXspa. An open Bridge provides guests an opportunity to meet the officers and captain and learn about navigation.
MEALS: Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere. Menu emphasizes local fare.
CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows, private bathroom, and climate controls. Cabins are equipped with Wi-Fi and multiple electrical and USB outlets. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essentials Kit. Hair dryers, complimentary insulated water bottles, and an atlas are available in each cabin.
EXpedition equipment: Zodiacs, kayaks, bow camera, hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, and video microscope.
SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest Wi-Fi access. A certified photo instructor on board.
WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa, and outdoor stretching area.
SUSTAINABILITY: Lindblad Expeditions takes responsible, sustainable travel to heart. For over 50 years, our expeditions have inspired travelers to protect the ocean, conserve wildlife, bolster local communities, and enable meaningful scientific research. We are 100% carbon neutral and dedicated to green business practices at every level of our operations. When you travel with us, you’ll eat sustainable meals, experience our commitment to single-use plastic free travel, and sleep aboard the industry’s first self-disinfecting expedition ships, prioritizing your health and safety. Feel good about exploring with us and preserve the planet for future generations.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SEA BIRD
THE PERFECT MOBILE BASE CAMP FOR EXPLORING

From top: Category 2 cabin with single beds; the lounge is the center of life aboard ship; the sundeck is a perfect place to relax and observe the scenery.
Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

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<td>$4,950</td>
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INCLUSIVE PRICING

- All accommodations aboard ship
- All meals as indicated in the itineraries
- Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, including 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda on demand
- Beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship
- Hors d’oeuvres and snacks during lounge recap
- All excursions
- Exploration tools, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks
- Lectures and presentations
- The guidance and expertise of our expedition staff
- Special access permits, park fees, and port taxes
- Services of a medical professional
- Transfers to and from designated flights
- Sauna (where applicable)
- Morning stretch classes and 24-hour access to exercise equipment
- Fully stocked library
- Complimentary refillable water bottle

SPECIAL OFFERS

BACK-TO-BACK SAVINGS: Save 10% on consecutive back-to-back departures when you combine the July 5-10, 2024 Wild Alaska Escape: LeConte Bay, Wrangel & the Misty Fjords and July 10-15, 2024 Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Ilian Islands & Tracy Arm Fjord. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

MILESTONE CELEBRATION PACKAGE: Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, etc., with your group of eight or more, and receive 5% off, a $150 shipboard credit for the spa or champagne, a complimentary group photo, and more. Milestone celebration must be communicated at time of booking. Milestone celebration package is one per group, intended for the guest celebrating the Milestone event. Group discount is applicable to cruise portion only, and does not apply towards additional services such as hotels, extensions, airfare, etc. Group cancellation terms also apply. Not combinable with certain offers.

BRING THE KIDS: Sharing the expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take $500 off the double-occupancy price for each person under the age of 18. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For best pricing book early. Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD, and based on select departures. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, July 24, 2023, are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies, or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

COST INCLUDES: All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare; pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights; crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services; travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

AIRFARE: Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will assist in making your air arrangements for a $50 per person service fee.

RESERVATIONS: To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare per person is required at the time of reservation and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT: Payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Travel and medical insurance are available at an additional cost. Information will be sent to you upon registration.

ENTRY AND VISAA REQUIREMENTS: Guests are advised to verify travel documents (REAL I.D./passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country’s requirement.

SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY: Allowed only in designated outdoor areas.

RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS: Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions’ and National Geographic Expeditions’ (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship’s ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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<td>120 or more days</td>
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<td>119-90 days</td>
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**Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.

***Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare, and other additional services.

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.
RESERVATION FORM:
WILD ALASKA ESCAPE:
LECONTE BAY, WRANGELL &
THE MISTY FJORDS

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Please reserve ________ place(s).

☐ Please send me information on combining with July 10-15, 2024 departure of
Wild Alaska Escape: Haines, the Inian Islands and Tracy Arm Fjord and saving 10%.

Guest 1: ___________________________ DOB: __________
(As it appears on I.D.)

Guest 2: ___________________________ DOB: __________
(As it appears on I.D.)

Street Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Business Phone: ___________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________ Fax: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Accommodations: ☐ Double  ☐ Single  ☐ Twin share with a friend
☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: ___________________________ 2nd choice: ___________________________

☐ I would like to add the Anan Creek Bear Observatory experience. (See Day 3 on
page 8 for details.)

Advance Payment Information: 15% of the cabin fare per person.

If paying by check, please make payable to: Lindblad Expeditions.

☐ Enclosed is my advance payment of $ ____________

☐ If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect
payment information.
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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

» Roam small, uninhabited islands, hiking through the moss-draped cedar and Sitka spruce.
» Venture by Zodiac into a fjord choked with blue ice from LeConte or Sawyer Glacier.
» Whale-watch daily from the bow, keeping eyes peeled for orcas on the hunt.
» Visit a tribal house and a beach famous for native petroglyphs in Wrangell Island or take a jet boat excursion up the Stikine River.

100% CARBON NEUTRAL AND COMMITTED TO BEING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC-FREE

We have chosen Lindblad Expeditions because they care deeply about the planet and see travel as a powerful force for good.

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