



DESTINATION GUIDE ALASKA

Discover the magnificence of the Last Frontier



Welcome to **ALASKA**

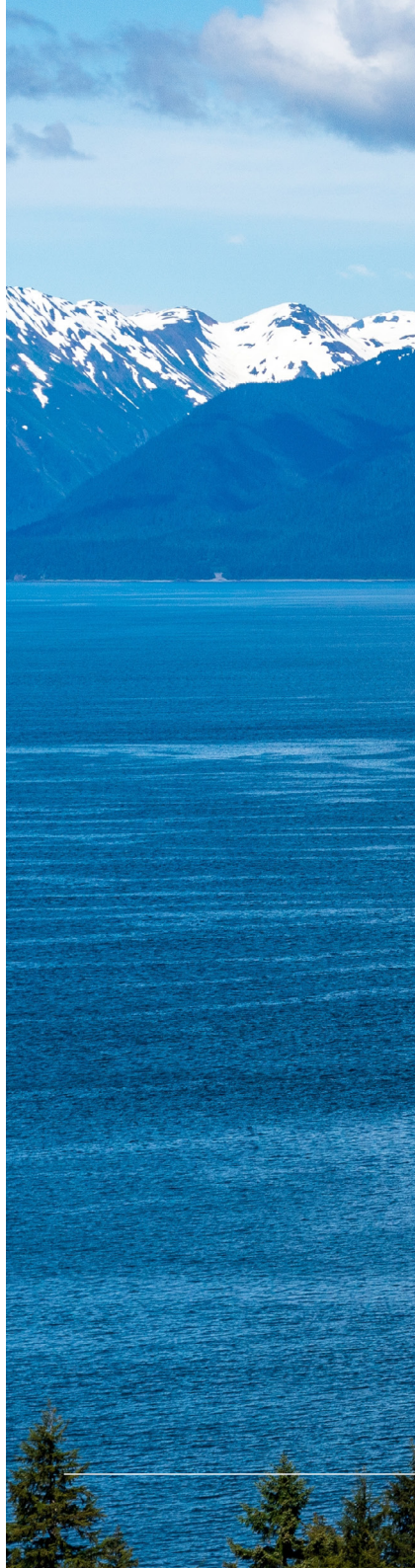
Where nature reigns supreme and unforgettable experiences await.

Shaped by ice, wilderness and an extraordinary sense of scale, Alaska is a destination that reveals itself slowly and deliberately. Nature remains the dominant force here, where vast mountain ranges, glacier-carved fjords and wildlife-rich waters create landscapes that feel both ancient and alive. Here, silence can be as powerful as spectacle, broken only by the crack of calving ice, the rush of waterfalls or the call of seabirds circling overhead.

Sailing along Alaska's coastline offers an intimate way to experience this remarkable region. Protected waterways and dramatic shorelines bring you closer to towering glaciers, dense temperate rainforests and remote coastal communities shaped by history.

Beyond its natural beauty, Alaska is rich with human stories. Indigenous cultures have lived in balance with this environment for thousands of years, their traditions and artistry deeply connected to land and sea. Frontier towns reflect more recent chapters of exploration, trade and resilience, where Gold Rush history, fishing heritage and modern life intertwine.

Whether exploring on shore, learning from local experts or simply taking in the view, Alaska rewards curiosity. It is a journey of contrast and connection. Immersive, thoughtful and deeply moving, it offers remarkable insight into one of the world's most extraordinary regions.





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BROWN BEAR, ALASKA



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What our guests love about ALASKA

There's no better way to learn about a destination than from someone who has experienced it first-hand. Hear from past Viking guests about their Alaskan ocean voyage.

"We were absolutely mind-blown with the spectacular beauty of the Fjord, from calving glaciers, to wildlife that included otters, seals and killer whales."

- Jane L.



"We thought we'd never cruise again, then we discovered Viking. No crowds, no pressure, wonderful crew, great food, exciting itinerary. Been hooked ever since!"

- Malcolm & Denise B



"This ocean cruise [Alaska & the Inside Passage] is the perfect first-time cruise because it is just 11 days, and you are off the ship every day. The only way to see Alaska!"

- Angie T

“Smooth sailing, great scenery on a daily basis and great visual towns like Ketchikan and Skagway.”

- William C



KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Why Choose VIKING

Set sail on one of our small, award-winning ocean ships and immerse yourself in the magnificent beauty of Alaska. With journeys designed for depth, there's no better way explore.



JUNEAU, ALASKA



At Viking, we believe Alaska deserves more than a passing glance—it deserves time, depth and connection. Our journeys are designed to immerse you in the wild beauty and rich heritage of the Last Frontier, with thoughtfully curated itineraries, enriching onboard experiences and opportunities to explore beyond the ordinary. This is Alaska, experienced the Viking way.

SMALLER, MORE PERSONAL SHIPS

Enjoy the comfort and intimacy of Viking's award-winning ships, designed for fewer guests and a more personalised experience. In a region where many ships carry over 3,000 passengers, Viking ships carry no more than 998 guests.

With no sprawling crowds and faster embarkation and disembarkation, you'll spend less time waiting and more time exploring.

A LONGER, MORE IMMERSIVE ITINERARY

Our 11-day *Alaska & The Inside Passage* voyage gives you the time to truly experience the Last Frontier. While many cruise lines offer seven night, roundtrip itineraries, Viking's extended one-way journey sails beyond the Inside Passage, continuing north through the Gulf of Alaska to Seward—the gateway to four of Alaska's great national parks. This extended route means more ports, more

scenic sailing and more opportunities to immerse yourself in Alaska's wild beauty.

POPULAR PORTS AND BEST KEPT SECRETS

Visit iconic destinations such as Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway, along with off-the-beaten-path treasures like Sitka, Icy Strait Point and Valdez. Plus, enjoy two days of scenic cruising through the Inside Passage and Yakutat Bay, with unforgettable views of Hubbard Glacier. On board, deepen your understanding of this remarkable region with our Resident Historian Program, featuring lectures on indigenous cultures, glacial landscapes and the Pacific Northwest's storied past.

COMBINE TWO WISHLIST EXPERIENCES

For many guests from Australia and New Zealand, this is a once-in-a-lifetime journey. Viking makes it even more memorable by offering extensions that combine Alaska's wilderness with your voyage. Experience the postcard-worthy destinations of Banff and Lake Louise as you explore the Canadian Rockies on our Rocky Mountaineer rail extension. Or venture deep into Alaska's interior with our six-night extensions exploring the wildlife and nature of Girdwood, Anchorage, Fairbanks and Denali National Park where moose, caribou and Dall sheep roam free.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ALASKA

Alaska is bigger, wilder and more awe-inspiring than you can imagine. From ancient glaciers and rich wildlife to frontier towns and indigenous cultures, each day reveals a new side to this remarkable region.

EXPLORE FRONTIER TOWNS

Alaska's frontier towns offer a glimpse into the state's Gold Rush history and rich cultural heritage. Wander Ketchikan's colourful streets and take in its waterfront built on stilts, or explore Sitka's blend of Tlingit traditions and Russian heritage. In Skagway, see the original Klondike Trail of 1898 and retrace the steps of the Yukon's fortune seekers in their quest for gold on an exhilarating journey by vintage rail car. Or in Juneau, Alaska's capital, towering mountains and glaciers frame a lively downtown filled with shops, museums and local eateries. These towns offer moments to connect with Alaska beyond its landscapes, through its people and their stories.



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GET UP CLOSE TO NATURE

The best of Alaska is found outdoors, where you can explore the landscapes that define this vast wilderness. Glide across glacier-fed lakes in a kayak, hike through lush rainforest trails or try your hand at fishing for wild salmon. For the more adventurous, scale the smooth granite walls of White Pass on a rock climbing and rappelling excursion, zipline above the rainforest canopy near Ketchikan, or raft down the Lowe River through the Chugach Mountains on an exhilarating whitewater run.

For a different perspective, take to the skies. Flightseeing reveals Alaska's most spectacular scenery — from the towering cliffs and mirror-like bays of Misty Fjords National Monument, often called the "Yosemite of the North," to sweeping views of the Juneau Icefield. You can even take a helicopter flight and land on the famous Mendenhall glacier to explore on foot or enjoy an unforgettable husky sled ride across the frozen expanse.

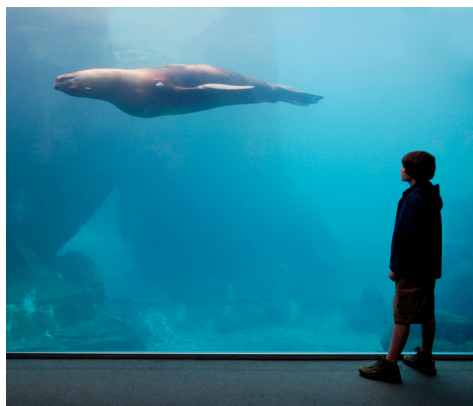
SAIL THE INSIDE PASSAGE

The Inside Passage offers one of the most scenic stretches of cruising anywhere in the world. Protected from the open ocean by a chain of islands, its waters are calm and glassy, ideal for spotting wildlife and taking in panoramic views. Towering spruce and hemlock forests cloak the mountainsides, waterfalls cascade down moss-covered cliffs, and low-lying mist creates an ever-changing play of light. This 800-kilometre coastal route is also rich with indigenous history and maritime traditions, connecting remote communities whose lives have long been shaped by the sea.



WITNESS MAJESTIC GLACIERS

Few experiences compare to the moment you first see a glacier rising out of the water. Blue, luminous and impossibly vast. Alaska's glaciers are living landscapes, constantly shifting and reshaping themselves. The state is home to more than 100,000 glaciers, many of them millions of years old and continually sculpting the landscape as they advance and retreat. Sailing near Hubbard Glacier you may witness the thunderous crash of calving ice, as sheets as tall as buildings break away and plunge into the sea. In Glacier Bay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, vast rivers of ice flow from the mountains to the ocean, offering an unforgettable window into Earth's ancient past.



INCREDIBLE WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Summer is Alaska's peak wildlife season and from May to September (when Viking sails) the region comes alive with animals drawn to its rich feeding grounds. Humpback whales migrate here in their thousands, and Alaska is one of the few places you can witness orcas hunting in family pods. Sea otters float on their backs in sheltered bays, Steller sea lions gather noisily on rocky coves and bald eagles are a common sight, soaring overhead or perched along the treelines. In coastal regions it's also possible to see black bears and brown bears, especially during the salmon runs when they feed along streams and forest edges.

Should you choose to extend your journey to Denali National Park, the wildlife opportunities extend even further. Here, Alaska's famed "Big Five" – grizzly bears, moose, caribou, Dall sheep and wolves – can be spotted roaming the tundra.

LEARN ABOUT INDIGENOUS CULTURES

Long before the Gold Rush, Alaska was home to vibrant indigenous communities whose cultures continue to shape the region today. Across Southeast Alaska, the artistry of the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples is visible in intricate totem poles, clan houses and storytelling traditions passed down for generations. Visit places like Saxman Native Village or Totem Bight State Park to witness towering totems carved with ancestral symbols. Or visit the native village of Klukwan in the Chilkat Valley and witness performances of traditional songs and dances that highlight the tribe's Tlingit heritage.



WILDLIFE OF ALASKA

Alaska is a land where untamed wilderness reigns supreme. Its vast landscapes provide sanctuary for an extraordinary array of wildlife. From majestic mammals to soaring birds, Alaska offers rare moments of connection with nature at its most spectacular.



BALD EAGLE, ALASKA



BROWN BEAR, ALASKA

BROWN AND BLACK BEARS

Alaska is bear country – it is home to the largest population of brown bears (often called grizzlies) on Earth. Along riverbanks and tidal flats, you may spot these powerful animals foraging for berries, clams or their favourite feast – wild salmon. While black bears are smaller and roam forested regions.

BALD EAGLES

Symbolic and unmistakable, with their white heads and powerful wingspan, bald eagles thrive in Alaska's rich coastal ecosystems. Look for them perched along treetops or swooping gracefully over shorelines in search of fish.



PUFFIN, ALASKA

PUFFINS

With colourful beaks and endearing expressions, these charming seabirds nest along coastal cliffs and islands. Puffins are expert divers, using their wings to 'fly' underwater in search of small fish.

WHALES

Each summer, thousands of humpbacks migrate to Alaska's nutrient-rich waters to feed. Their spectacular breaches, tail slaps and bubble-net feeding displays are among the state's most iconic wildlife experiences. While Orcas (Killer Whales) are highly intelligent and social, they travel in pods and are often seen cruising alongside ships or hunting in coastal waters. Their striking black-and-white colouring makes sightings truly memorable.



HUMPBACK WHALE, ALASKA

MOOSE

Towering and solitary, moose roam forests and wetlands across the state. Their enormous antlers and gentle demeanour make them a guest favourite. They thrive in wetlands and forests, often spotted grazing near lakes and rivers particularly around dawn and dusk.

SEA OTTERS

Floating on their backs wrapped in kelp, sea otters are one of Alaska's most lovable creatures. Their playful behaviour and expressive faces make them delightful to watch along sheltered coastal areas.

HARBOUR SEALS AND SEA LIONS

Alaska's rocky outcrops and icy bays provide the perfect resting places for seals and sea lions. Look for them lounging on glacial ice or barking loudly from sun-warmed rocks.

HUBBARD GLACIER:

Alaska's mighty river of ice

At more than 10 kilometres wide where it meets the sea, Hubbard Glacier is one of Alaska's most awe-inspiring natural wonders.



HUBBARD GLACIER, ALASKA



Unlike many glaciers around the world that are steadily retreating, Hubbard Glacier is one of the few that is actively advancing. Fed by snowfields high in the Saint Elias Mountains, it pushes forward by several metres each year, earning its nickname “The Galloping Glacier.” This continuous movement creates deep cracks, towering ice spires and dramatic pressure ridges, all contributing to its rugged, sculptural beauty. The glacier itself rises more than 60 metres above sea level, glowing with shades of turquoise created by centuries of compressed snowfall. Watching this dynamic river of ice shift and reshape itself is a rare opportunity to witness glacial geology in action.

A NATURAL SPECTACLE

Hubbard is one of the most active tidewater glaciers in North America, and you may witness the thunderous spectacle of calving. This is when enormous chunks of ice break away and crash into the water below. Guests often describe hearing sharp cracks echo across the bay, followed by a deep, thunderous boom as giant blocks of ice calve into the water. These sounds — created by shifting ice, trapped air

bubbles and the glacier grinding slowly forward — are part of an ancient symphony that has played across Alaska for millennia. Against the backdrop of rugged mountains and vast wilderness, this natural performance is both humbling and exhilarating.

THRIVING WILDLIFE

The rich waters surrounding Hubbard Glacier support a thriving ecosystem. Harbour seals haul out on floating icebergs, resting safely away from predators while keeping a watchful eye on their surroundings. Bald eagles often soar overhead, scanning the water for fish, and humpback whales are sometimes spotted feeding in nearby Disenchantment Bay. Even from the ship, you may see otters drifting through icy channels or seabirds diving for food — all drawn to the nutrient-rich waters released by the melting glacier.

Whether viewed from your stateroom balcony or the ship’s open decks, Hubbard Glacier is a highlight of any Alaskan voyage. It’s a reminder of nature’s strength, history and enduring beauty.

VALDEZ GLACIER

by Kayak

Viking guest, Erin K, shares her story of paddling one of Alaska's glacier lagoons, where calm waters and towering ice set the scene for an experience that felt both intimate and immense.

Kayaking the waters around Valdez Glacier was one of the highlights of our Alaska & the Inside Passage cruise. Alaska had already been so much more incredible than we could have imagined and while we had seen a lot of glaciers throughout the trip in the lead up to this excursion, there was something very special about being so close to the huge chunks of ice floating around us.

NATURE AND SCENERY

Valdez was a small port, like most in Alaska, with an abundance of outdoor activities. What became evident as soon as we arrived in Alaska was how integrated the nature and scenery are into every aspect of life. The best way to understand Alaskans and their culture is to experience it through nature, and this kayak experience reflected that spirit.

After making our way from the ship to the kayak office, we were provided with wet gear and plastic waders to ensure we were properly dressed for the adventure ahead. After a short drive to the lake, a quick safety briefing and the all-important kayak instruction, we were on the water.

HISTORY AND FOLKLORE

The air was fresh, quiet and calm. As we glided through the water, our guide was telling us about the history of the area, how the glaciers were formed, how they have receded, and a



few local tales and folklore thrown in for good measure. We passed ice caves and caverns, broken chunks of ice, and stopped for a quick snack at a lookout which gave us an impressive view of the glacier lake from above. A few hours later, we were back on board the ship, enjoying the view from the Explorer's Lounge while chatting about how incredible the day had been.

The excursion was challenging, but worth every minute. It's not every day you get to kayak in a glacier lagoon, but if you are given the opportunity, I would highly recommend it.



VOYAGE THROUGH ALASKA'S UNTAMED *wilderness with Viking*

*Cruising with Viking in Alaska and the Inside Passage unlocks
some wild experiences, writes Helen Hayes.*



INSIDE PASSAGE, ALASKA

I am experiencing the 49th state on an 11-day 'Alaska & the Inside Passage' itinerary with Viking Cruises, and it is totally blowing my mind. More than half of Alaska is not accessible by road, just by air or boat. This is why cruising here is so popular, meandering up serene sounds, marvelling at mystical forests and docking in legendary Alaskan ports. It is undoubtedly the most beautiful place I have ever been.

Our cruise starts in Seward, named for the man who brokered the deal to buy Alaska from Russia in 1867 for US\$7.2 million – two cents an acre (0.4 hectare). That was the deal of a lifetime with Alaska, a veritable gold mine.

EXPLORING ALASKA WITH VIKING

Our ship, the *Viking Orion*, stays in Seward for two days, giving us time to get to know the ship, get settled in our cabin and to go ashore to explore the town and its attractions, such as the Alaska SeaLife Center, which rescues injured marine life. I am delighted to see puffins, surely the cutest bird in the avian world.

SOLOMON GULCH

After a sunrise-lit departure, we arrive in Valdez and head to Solomon Gulch for the first of our David Attenborough-like nature exposures. It is almost indescribable, with the water bubbling with millions of salmon trying to leap up the stream or into the salmon hatchery to spawn. Add to that the cacophony of a zillion sea birds squawking with glee at this fishy buffet, and the front row seats we have to seven Steller sea lions indulging in a salmon feast that puts some of them into a food coma, eyes closed, swaying in the sun.





SKAGWAY, ALASKA

HUBBARD GLACIER

At Hubbard Glacier we board a catamaran for a tour to get closer to this marvel, dodging growlers (chunks of ice). The sheer size of this ‘galloping’ glacier is overwhelming, as is the phenomenon of calving. We see several ice falls from the textured layers that date back 400 years, and wait for the thunderous crack that follows.

CHICHAGOF ISLAND

Kayaks are our vessel of choice at Icy Strait Point on Chichagof Island, and it is so pleasant to explore with whales and seals frolicking nearby. We learn about the Tlingit culture and the island, where bears outnumber people five to one.

SKAGWAY

In pretty Skagway, we learn about the Klondike gold rush that lured many from around the world. The path they had to take into the

Yukon was torturous. We visit the Red Onion, a boisterous old saloon.

JUNEAU

More mining history awaits in gorgeous Juneau, Alaska’s capital. Houses sit on top of clifftops and higgledy-piggledy staircases are official streets. Queues wait outside Tracy’s King Crab Shack and the swinging doors of the Red Dog Saloon open to a vibrant scene with a piano player pumping out old-timey tunes.



JUNEAU GLACIER, ALASKA

SITKA

An excursion in a rigid inflatable boat is a wonderful way to see Sitka, with its fleet of salmon trawlers and its islands. We are beside ourselves when we come upon sea otters, impossibly cute as they float on their backs.

KETCHIKAN

Our final excursion is in Ketchikan, and takes us out to Neets Bay Observatory, where we are once again rendered speechless. Another salmon spawning location, we see four bears fattening up on salmon to prepare for hibernation. We watch in awe as they catch and eat the salmon at will.

One bear comes towards us, stopping by a nearby rock to eat his bounty. He stares at me from 20 metres away, and I stare back, heart hammering. His eyes. Oh, his big brown eyes. They gaze at me unblinkingly for what feels like eternity. He is still wet, with perfect droplets on his furry coat from his latest foray into the stream.

He is a glorious example of *Ursus americanus*, a black bear, and he is right there in front of me, in the wilds of Alaska.

WHAT IT'S LIKE ON BOARD

From the seamless boarding process in Seward to the equally quick disembarkation in Vancouver, Viking Cruises makes cruising life easy. The design palette of Viking is elegant without being over the top, featuring earthy tones bringing a sense of calm.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS WITH VIKING

As the *Viking Orion* noses into port in Vancouver, highlights of the trip flash before my eyes. I relive so many experiences, but the one that will stick with me forever is my tête-à-tête with that bear, and his soulful brown eyes. Unforgettable.



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City Guide

VANCOUVER

Set between the sea and mountains, discover scenic Vancouver and its rich heritage.

Surrounded by ocean, mountains and ancient rainforest, Vancouver is a modern coastal city with a mild climate, where urban life and nature coexist in effortless balance. With roots in Coast Salish heritage and a past defined by shipping, rail and immigration, it has long served as a gateway between the Pacific and Canada's interior. The city's cultural treasures reflect its indigenous community and embody the influence of European and Asian settlers. While its vibrant institutions run the gamut, from bustling markets to museums that chronicle the region's anthropology and rich art heritage. Vancouver balances urban energy with easy access parks, waterfronts and forested trails.



MUST SEES

Take a trip to Stanley Park, a 1,000-acre haven of beaches, gardens, and forest trails that is considered one of North America's largest urban parks. This natural West Coast rainforest is surrounded by a sea wall offering stunning views and a range of outdoor activities. One of the highlights is an incredible collection of First Nations' Totem Poles, featuring beautifully carved designs celebrating the natural world.

Take a ferry to Vancouver Island and enjoy a visit to the Butchart Gardens, a tranquil oasis of lush greenery and colourful blooms. A sightseeing tour of the city is a good way to get your bearings, with Fisherman's Wharf, the Inner Harbour and the iconic Empress Hotel. In Victoria Downtown, explore a mix of heritage buildings.

The VanDusen Botanical Garden is a 55-acre oasis in the heart of Vancouver with over 7,500 plant species and varieties from around the world. Look out for local wildlife and enjoy navigating the hedge maze. In Chinatown, stroll through the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, an authentic representation of the Ming Dynasty garden tradition and the first of its kind to be created outside of China.



GASTRONOMY

Gastown, the city's oldest neighbourhood, is a culinary hub where restored Victorian buildings house award-winning restaurants, cocktail bars and cafés. It is best known for the historic Steam Clock, whose hourly whistle adds to the area's charm.

Across the city, menus highlight Pacific seafood, seasonal produce and global flavours, from refined West Coast cuisine to Asian-inspired dishes reflecting the city's diverse heritage. Whether enjoying a casual waterfront lunch or an elegant evening meal, Vancouver offers a dining experience that is both relaxed and sophisticated.



SHOPPING

For a taste of local life, Granville Island Public Market is a vibrant indoor market featuring a fascinating assortment of colourful food and produce. You'll also find local crafts and clothing stalls next to toys and baked goods – there really is something for everyone! This eclectic market is open daily and the surrounding precinct is home to independent studios, galleries and theatres.

For more shopping options, stroll along Robson Street or explore the boutiques of Yaletown and Gastown, where heritage architecture frames stylish stores featuring Canadian designers, outdoor wear and indigenous art.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Alaska offers a world of discovery for every interest. Whether you're drawn to the artistry of native traditions, the rich cultural heritage of its indigenous communities, the flavours of its wild bounty, or unique wildlife and the dramatic landscapes shaped by ice and time, you'll find experiences that speak to your passions.



ART

Discover the artistic traditions of Alaska's native peoples in Ketchikan. At Potlatch Totem Park, admire towering totem poles and intricately carved panels that tell ancient stories. Visit the carving studio to see artisans at work and learn the techniques behind these iconic sculptures. Explore a fascinating collection of antique weapons, including whaling harpoons and 16th-century firearms, for a glimpse into the region's storied past. Or walk among the towering hemlock and cedar of the Tongass National Rainforest to discover one of the world's most impressive collections of hand-carved totem poles. You'll learn about the symbolism behind these striking works and gain insight into the spiritual beliefs of the Northwest Coastal Native peoples.

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CULTURE

Immerse yourself in the vibrant heritage of Alaska's indigenous communities. At Saxman Native Village, enjoy privileged access to witness ceremonial dances, songs and storytelling, and marvel at regalia adorned with hand-beaded clan motifs. Then witness master carvers passing on their craft to apprentices among one of the world's largest collections of totem poles. Or journey to Klukwan in the Chilkat Valley, where you'll explore the Knowledge Camp and Heritage Centre, hear tribal legends and experience traditional performances that highlight the tribe's heritage.



HISTORY

Trace the footsteps of Klondike stamperders on a scenic journey to the White Pass summit aboard a vintage rail car, passing historic landmarks such as the old Brackett Wagon Road and Dead Horse Gulch, and hearing tales of gold rush ambition. Or discover the enduring legacy of dogsledding at an Iditarod homestead, where you'll meet spirited huskies and set off on a thrilling wheeled sled ride through the Alaskan wilderness.



CULINARY

Discover the flavours of the Last Frontier during a hands-on cooking session with a local chef. Learn the secrets behind preparing Alaska's renowned cold-water seafood and hearty game as you watch the catch of the day expertly filleted. Then, step up to the grill to cook your own creation before savouring the results. Cast a line in the pristine waters of the Inside Passage on a fishing experience, then gather around a roaring fire as your fresh catch is transformed into a rustic feast. Or sample craft beers and sweet treats on a tasting tour of Valdez, complete with a narrated trolley ride and a lively Vaudeville-style performance.

NATURE

Alaska's wilderness is the soul of the Last Frontier—vast, raw and awe-inspiring. From towering glaciers and snowcapped peaks to temperate rainforests and fjords teeming with wildlife, nature here is an experience like no other. Soar above jagged ice fields on a helicopter flightseeing tour and touch down on a glacier and walk across its surreal blue surface with a naturalist guide. For a truly Alaskan thrill, join a dog-mushing team on the Mendenhall Glacier and experience the exhilaration of sledding across its frozen expanse. Head into Alaska's great outdoors on a professionally guided photography excursion. Cruise the pristine waters of Prince William Sound and Kenai Fjords National Park, keeping watch for humpback whales, sea otters and bald eagles, or paddle a kayak through the serene passages of Sitka Sound. For the adventurous, raft the Lowe River's whitewater rapids, zip-line through the rainforest canopy or hike alpine trails for sweeping mountain views. Whatever your interests Alaska's landscapes promise unforgettable memories.





Alaska PACKING GUIDE

Sailing from Vancouver to Seward offers a wonderfully varied climate, so versatility is key. Vancouver's summers are mild and pleasant, while further north — through the Inside Passage, Glacier Bay, and along the Gulf of Alaska — temperatures tend to cool, and weather shifts more quickly.

Layering is your best friend. Think breathable basics, warm mid-layers and a waterproof shell you can reach for quickly. While our Viking ships offer every comfort, the true magic of Alaska often happens outdoors — on deck, on shore, and sometimes in the unexpected.

Start with a comfortable base layer, add something warm like a lightweight fleece as temperatures can drop near Hubbard Glacier or during early-morning excursions. Then top it with a shell that protects from wind or rain.

For evenings onboard, Viking's dress code is relaxed but refined. There are no formal nights or fancy dress, so opt for versatile, smart-casual such as tailored pants, skirts, chinos or dark jeans paired with a blouse, shirt or lightweight knit.

When it comes to footwear, bring options that prioritise comfort. Most excursions involve some level of walking, and paths can be damp or uneven. Waterproof shoes or boots are especially helpful in frontier towns and forest areas.

Don't forget to leave a little space in your luggage. Alaska is known for its artisan crafts, native artwork and cosy knitwear, so you may find yourself bringing home more than memories.

ESSENTIALS

- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Layers – t-shirts, long sleeved t-shirts and fleeces or jumpers
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Hat, gloves and scarf – you won't need heavy winter gear, but if you feel the cold these items will be useful when the breeze comes up
- Binoculars for spotting wildlife
- Sunscreen and sunglasses – the sun reflects strongly off water and ice, even on cooler days
- Daypack or bag – most excursions require a level of walking, so a small bag to keep your hands free is helpful
- Insect repellent
- Camera or phone with extra storage



Brown Sugar-Glazed **ALASKAN SALMON**

Alaskans are rightly proud of their wild salmon, and embraced sustainability long before it was popular. This simple sweet and savoury glaze perfectly complements the flavour of the salmon.

SERVES 4

2 tbsp butter	1 tbsp soy sauce
1 tbsp brown sugar	Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 tsp honey	1 large side of salmon (allow 175-225g per person)
½ lemon, juice only	
1 tbsp Dijon mustard	

1. Preheat the oven to 175°C.
2. Melt the butter, brown sugar and honey in a small saucepan over a low heat. Remove from the heat and whisk in the lemon juice, mustard, and soy sauce. Season to taste and allow to cool.
3. Place the salmon on a large baking sheet lined with baking paper. Brush the glaze generously all over the salmon. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until cooked through.

11 DAYS | 7 GUIDED TOURS | 2 COUNTRIES

ALASKA & THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Vancouver to Seward or vice versa

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MAY - SEPTEMBER



BONUS
VIDEO



Alaska & the Inside Passage

MENDENHALL VALLEY NEAR JUNEAU, ALASKA



Journey through one of North America's most breathtaking regions, where pristine landscapes meet deep cultural heritage. Sail the Inside Passage and explore frontier towns and learn about Tlingit culture. Witness the majestic Hubbard Glacier and keep watch for humpback whales and bald eagles. In Ketchikan, marvel at the artistry of hand-carved totem poles. In Juneau and Skagway, trace the legacy of the Gold Rush, while Icy Strait Point and Valdez offer unforgettable wildlife encounters.



Itinerary day by day

- DAY 1** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

- DAY 2** Sail the Inside Passage

- DAY 3** Ketchikan, Alaska, USA

- DAY 4** Sitka, Alaska, USA

- DAY 5** Juneau, Alaska, USA

- DAY 6** Skagway, Alaska, USA

- DAY 7** Icy Strait Point, Alaska, USA

- DAY 8** Sail past Hubbard Glacier

- DAY 9** Valdez, Alaska, USA

- DAY 10** Seward, Alaska, USA (Overnight)

- DAY 11** Seward, Alaska, USA

23 DAYS | 8 GUIDED TOURS | 3 COUNTRIES

NORTH PACIFIC PASSAGE

Tokyo to Vancouver or vice versa

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

MAY & SEPTEMBER



TOKYO, JAPAN



Embark on a journey that bridges two contrasting parts of the world as you trace the path of early migrations across the Pacific. In Japan, immerse yourself in the vibrant Japanese culture shaped by centuries of tradition and innovation. Explore Tokyo's dazzling skyline and quirky neighbourhoods and stroll through the tranquil grounds of Hokkaidō Shrine in Sapporo. In Alaska, discover a land defined by nature's grandeur where indigenous culture is very much alive. Witness towering glaciers, abundant wildlife and frontier towns like Kodiak and Sitka as you learn about the legend of totem poles and the importance of dog sledding heritage. Overnight stays in Tokyo and Sapporo help you explore fully.



DOG SLEDDING, ALASKA

Itinerary day by day

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- DAY 1-2** Tokyo, Japan (Overnight)

 - DAY 3** Sail the Tsugaro Strait

 - DAY 4-5** Sapporo (Otaru), Japan (Overnight)

 - DAY 6-7** Sail the Sea of Okhotsk

 - DAY 8-10** Sail the North Pacific Ocean

 - DAY 11** Cross the International Date Line

 - DAY 12** Sail the Bering Sea

 - DAY 13** Sail the Gulf of Alaska

 - DAY 14** Kodiak, Alaska, USA

 - DAY 15** Homer, Alaska, USA

 - DAY 16** Seward, Alaska, USA

 - DAY 17** Valdez, Alaska, USA

 - DAY 18** Sail past Hubbard Glacier

 - DAY 19** Sail Glacier Bay

 - DAY 20** Sitka, Alaska, USA

 - DAY 21** Ketchikan, Alaska, USA

 - DAY 22** Sail the Inside Passage

 - DAY 23** Vancouver, Canada

93 DAYS | 45 GUIDED TOURS | 12 COUNTRIES

GRAND PACIFIC EXPLORER

Auckland to Vancouver or vice versa

TYPICAL SAILING SEASON

FEBRUARY & SEPTEMBER

HUBBARD GLACIER, ALASKA



Bridge oceans and continents on our most epic Pacific itinerary yet. Overnight stays in 14 ports help you immerse yourself in a fascinating array of cultures and let you embrace endless opportunities to get to know locals. It is an enriching journey unlike any other. Shorten this voyage to our 79-day *Australia, Asia & Alaska* sailing between Sydney to Vancouver or our popular 37-day *Far East & Alaska* voyaging between Hong Kong and Vancouver.

Itinerary day by day

Grand Pacific Explorer	DAY 1	Auckland, New Zealand (Overnight)
	DAY 2	Auckland, New Zealand
	DAY 3	Rotorua (Tauranga), New Zealand
	DAY 4	Napier, New Zealand
	DAY 5	Wellington, New Zealand
	DAY 6	Christchurch (Lyttleton), New Zealand
	DAY 7	Dunedin (Port Chalmers), New Zealand
	DAY 8	Sail The Foveaux Strait
	DAY 9	Sail The Tasman Sea
	DAY 10	Tasmania (Hobart), Australia
	DAY 11	Sail The Bass Strait
	DAY 12	Melbourne, Australia
	DAY 13	Sail The Gippsland Coast
	DAY 14	Sydney, Australia (Overnight)



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

DAY 10	Tasmania (Hobart), Australia
DAY 11	Sail The Bass Strait
DAY 12	Melbourne, Australia
DAY 13	Sail The Gippsland Coast
DAY 14	Sydney, Australia (Overnight)

DAY 15	Sydney, Australia
DAY 16	Newcastle, Australia
DAY 17	Sail The Australian Coast
DAY 18	Brisbane, Australia
DAY 19	Sail The Australian Coast
DAY 20	Whitsunday Islands, Australia
DAY 21	Townsville, Australia
DAY 22	Cairns, Australia
DAY 23	Sail The Coral Sea
DAY 24	Thursday Island, Australia
DAY 25	Sail The Arafura Sea
DAY 26	Darwin, Australia (Overnight)
DAY 27	Darwin, Australia
DAY 28	Sail The Timor Sea
DAY 29	Komodo National Park (Rinca), Indonesia
DAY 30	Lombok, Indonesia
DAY 31	Bali (Benoa), Indonesia (Overnight)
DAY 32	Bali (Benoa), Indonesia

DAY 33	Java (Surabaya), Indonesia
DAY 34	Java (Semarang), Indonesia
DAY 35	Sail The Java Sea
DAY 36	Singapore, Singapore (Overnight)
DAY 37	Singapore, Singapore
DAY 38	Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Malaysia
DAY 39	Sail The Strait of Malacca
DAY 40	Sail The Gulf of Thailand
DAY 41	Koh Samui (Nathon), Thailand
DAY 42	Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand (Overnight)
DAY 43	Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand (Overnight)
DAY 44	Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand
DAY 45	Sihanoukville, Cambodia (Overnight)
DAY 46	Sihanoukville, Cambodia
DAY 47	Sail The Gulf of Thailand
DAY 48	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (Overnight)
DAY 49	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (Overnight)
DAY 50	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
DAY 51	Sail The South China Sea
DAY 52	Hue (Chan May), Vietnam
DAY 53	Ha Long Bay, Vietnam (Overnight)
DAY 54	Ha Long Bay, Vietnam
DAY 55	Sail The South China Sea



GARDENS BY THE BAY, SINGAPORE



Far East & Alaska	DAY 56	Hong Kong, China (Overnight)
	DAY 57	Hong Kong, China (Overnight)
	DAY 58	Hong Kong, China
	DAY 59	Sail The East China Sea
	DAY 60	Taipei (Keelung), Taiwan
	DAY 61	Sail The East China Sea
	DAY 62	Nagasaki, Japan
	DAY 63	Kagoshima, Japan
	DAY 64	Beppu, Japan
	DAY 65	Hiroshima, Japan (Overnight)
	DAY 66	Hiroshima, Japan
	DAY 67	Osaka, Japan
	DAY 68	Shimizu, Japan (Overnight)

DAY 69	Shimizu, Japan
DAY 70	Tokyo, Japan (Overnight)
DAY 71	Tokyo, Japan (Overnight)
DAY 72	Tokyo, Japan
DAY 73	Sail Tsugaro Strait
DAY 74	Sapporo (Otaru), Japan (Overnight)
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DAY 93	Vancouver, Canada

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See more of the world with our pre and post extensions.

Our pre and post voyage extensions are designed for the curious traveller, those who seek to understand a place, not just see it. Whether you choose to deepen your experience in your embarkation or disembarkation city, or venture further afield to an entirely new destination, our extensions are designed to enrich your journey in every way.



2 NIGHTS IN VANCOUVER

Explore the boundless cultural and natural riches of Vancouver, a bustling city set between the stunning North Shore Mountains and the Strait of Georgia. Enjoy an included half-day tour where you'll visit Stanley Park, one of North America's largest urban parks and see the carvings on the First Nations' totem poles. In Chinatown, stroll through the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, an authentic representation of the Ming Dynasty garden tradition. Head to Gastown, a historic neighbourhood dating back to 1867, and then browse Granville Island Public Market's fascinating stalls. Join an optional excursion or explore on your own. Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, discover Squamish and ride a gondola to the summit or ascend Grouse Mountain for stunning views.



2 NIGHTS IN ANCHORAGE

Explore the largest city in Alaska, offering a unique blend of urban appeals and natural wonders as well as a rich cultural heritage. Visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre, a sanctuary for orphaned and injured animals, to witness wildlife in their natural habitat. Discover the highlights of Anchorage's historic downtown during a city tour to Earthquake Park, established in memory of the monumental 1964 event, and Lake Hood, the world's largest seaplane base. You will also visit the Anchorage Museum, where you can peruse its compelling exhibitions showcasing Alaska's history, culture and art. You'll have free time to explore at your leisure or you may choose to join an optional excursion to visit Palmer, where you will visit local farms and a microbrewery.



6 NIGHTS ROCKY MOUNTAINEER JOURNEY

Journey through British Columbia and Alberta on one of the world's most celebrated rail experiences. Explore the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. Enjoy three nights in Vancouver and visit beautiful Victoria. Explore the forest trails and indigenous totem poles of Stanley Park, admire the restored Victorian architecture, galleries, shops and pubs of Gastown and wander Granville Island markets. Take a ferry to Vancouver Island and enjoy a visit to Butchart Gardens, see Fisherman's Wharf, the Inner Harbor and the iconic Empress Hotel. Then board the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf Service for two days of spectacular scenery from Vancouver to Kamloops and onward to Banff. Pass through Fraser Canyon, alpine passes and Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven in 1885 as you cross the Continental Divide. Explore Banff National Park including Lake Louise and Bow Falls before concluding your journey in Calgary with a farewell celebration.

2 NIGHTS IN TOKYO

Unravel the mysteries of Tokyo, Japan's neon-lit capital steeped in imperial history. Zen-like gardens and Shinto shrines mingle with towering skyscrapers in this bustling metropolis, all while the perfectly symmetrical cone of Mt. Fuji watches over. Embark on a full-day guided tour of Tokyo, where you'll visit the Meiji Shrine, surrounded by a tranquil man-made forest, and explore the Asakusa Kannon Temple, the centrepiece of a historic neighbourhood that will give you a glimpse of old Tokyo. Stroll through the plaza of the Imperial Palace, the private residence of the emperor and his family and savour a traditional Japanese meal. Spend time exploring at your leisure or you may choose to join an optional excursion to visit Hakone National Park or the Tokyo National Museum.





6 NIGHTS PRISTINE ALASKA

Witness Alaska's rich culture and astonishing beauty. Highlights include a tram ride up the slopes of Mt. Alyeska and a jet boat ride with a local naturalist in Talkeetna and visit a Dena'ina encampment for a glimpse into the lives of southern Alaska's earliest settlers. Spend two days of discovery in Denali National Park with expert guides. See resident moose, caribou, Dall sheep and learn about the unique flora, fauna and topography of the region. Visit an Iditarod dog kennel, where you will learn about the art of mushing and meet some friendly puppies and travel by dome railcar to Fairbanks. In Fairbanks visit the Morris Thompson Cultural Centre, view the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and enjoy a riverboat cruise along the scenic Chena and Nenana Rivers, stopping to explore a recreated Athabascan village.

5 NIGHTS DENALI EXPLORER

Discover the dramatic landscapes of Denali, home to North America's tallest mountain peak. Ride the aerial tram at Mt. Alyeska in Girdwood and participate in a variety of outdoor activities such as flightseeing, a jet boat ride, kayaking or hiking in Talkeetna. Travel deep into Denali National Park with a local naturalist, keeping your eyes open for some of the park's wildlife. Discover the highlights of Anchorage's historic downtown on a tour including Earthquake Park, established in memory of the monumental 1964 event. Enjoy a visit to the Alaska Aviation Museum to learn about Alaska's aviation history, as well as hearing fascinating stories about the adventures of bush pilots.



6 NIGHTS BEST OF ALASKA

Discover Alaska's wild charm. Explore Anchorage's unique blend of city and nature, then venture into Denali, home to North America's tallest peak. In Talkeetna, meet Iditarod sled dogs at a local musher's kennel and learn about the "Last Great Race." Take in Girdwood's mountain views and visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre, dedicated to protecting species like grizzlies, coyotes, and wood bison. Cruise the Portage River past hanging glaciers and watch for bears, moose, and eagles. Ride a jet boat on the Susitna River, spot wildlife, and walk through a traditional Dena'ina encampment.

Board a deluxe domed railcar to Denali National Park, where guided tours reveal native flora, fauna and conservation efforts.

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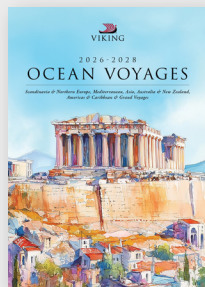
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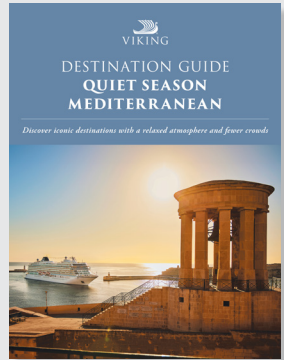
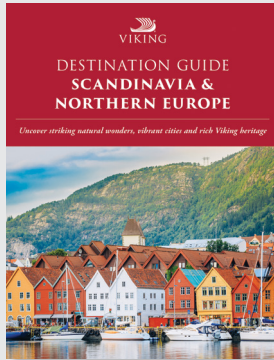
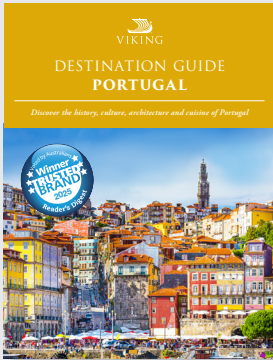
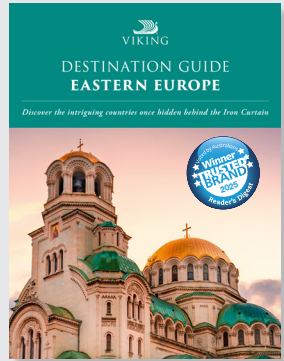
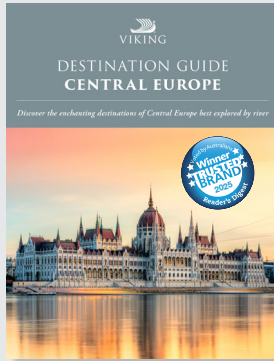
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