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Icy Strait Point | Optional Shore Excursions

If there is one word that sums up Alaska it is nature. Mile and miles of it. And Icy Strait Point – one of Alaska’s most unspoilt destinations has – nature in spades. To begin with, Icy Strait Point is stunningly beautiful. It is the Alaska of your imagination: eagles soaring overhead, whales breaching before your eyes. Moody, low-hanging clouds set the scene while velvety green mountains provide the backdrop. Sparklingly clear waters lap at pebbly shores. These are beaches of the adventure kind, you won’t find sun loungers and sombreros here, more like kayaks and canoes, ready for those who want to take their discovery off shore. The village prides itself on being home to “more brown bears than humans”, so expect immersive wilderness experiences, from ATV adventures to zip lining through a canopy of trees! Located on Chichagoff Island, 35 miles west of Juneau and right in the centre of Glacier Bay, Icy Strait Point began life as a salmon cannery business, providing employment for the residents of nearby Hoonah. The cannery has served the community in many ways, including providing housing for employees after a fire in 1944 destroyed many resident’s homes. It ceased to function entirely in 1999 and in 2001, the landing was repurposed as America’s only private cruise ship terminal. The Alaskan owned and operated terminal funnels all its profits back into the local environment and provides employment for around 85% of local residents, many of whom live in Alaska’s largest Native Tlingit village.

ATV Expedition | ISP-B

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 2.5 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Enjoy a bus ride through the Tlingit village of Hoonah before changing pace and heading off in ATVs along trails through the spectacular wild scenery of Chichagof Island. Learn about the natural history of the area and stop to admire scenic valley, mountain and ocean views.

Tlingit village

Board a bus for a 25-minute guided tour through the Tlingit village of Hoonah en route to your departure site high in the surrounding hills.

ATV ride through the wilds of Chichagof Island

Upon arrival, your local guides will provide a safety briefing before you board your 4x4 vehicle for a rugged 90-minute drive through the forest with stops to take in the scenic valley, mountain and ocean views which make Chichagof Island so magnificent. Listen to your guide explain the natural history of the

area and describe how the spectacular alder tunnels have formed over the trails. After disembarking the ATVs, enjoy more gorgeous scenery as you relax on the comfortable bus ride back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves some walking over gravel surfaces and boardwalk and negotiating a few steps on/off the bus. The ATV ride along rough trails is bumpy, making the tour unsuitable for expectant mothers and guests with back and/or neck problems. There must be one licensed driver for every unlicensed participant. Drivers must be at least 18 years old and present a valid driver's license, although guests 16 to 17 years old with a valid driver's license may drive if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children aged 6 years or over may participate. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. Guests are advised to dress in layers and wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes.

Halibut Fishing | ISP-C

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.5 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Spend half a day at sea on a cabin cruiser fishing for the halibut which abound in Icy Strait's waters. This is an opportunity to relax out on the water but also take advantage of unusual photo opportunities.

Icy Strait, photo opportunities

Live your own 'big fish' story. Cross the pier and step into a modern cabin cruiser to embark on the ultimate fishing excursion to the rich waters of Icy Strait. Following a brief orientation, cruise out to the fishing grounds while looking out for whales during the 30-minute boat ride. When your local guide has found the ideal fishing spot for the day, bait your hook, drop your line and wait. The waters of Icy Strait are teeming with halibut, making angling conditions ideal. The abundance of many varieties of marine life provides the chance to spot different species, and the beautiful surroundings make for brilliant photo opportunities. Enjoy a snack on board, and after two hours' fishing cruise back to shore. Once back on land you can process your own fish before strolling the short distance back to your ship.

Please note: The tour involves minimal walking (0.8 miles), but this includes gravel surfaces, boardwalks and a ramp which can be steep at low tide. Participants must be able to step in and out of the boat. The majority of the time is spent in a cabin cruiser, making the tour unsuitable for wheelchair users and guests with very limited mobility. Children aged 6 and over may participate. Guests should dress in layers and wear weather-appropriate clothing and rubber-soled non-slip shoes. Fishing gear is provided but guests must bring \$25 in cash to purchase a fishing license. A catch is likely but cannot be guaranteed. Any fish caught can be custom packed for an additional fee: fish can be shipped within the USA only.

Spasski River Valley Wildlife & Bear Search | ISP-G

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 2.5 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Chichagof Island Forests and Muskegs, Alaskan fauna including coastal brown bears

Depart the pier for a 45-minute drive into the wilds of Chichagof Island heading for the Spasski River valley in search of local wildlife. Listen to a local guide as your bus travels through the Tlingit village of

Hoonah and out into coastal rainforest and muskegs. Watch for bald eagles, Sitka black-tailed deer and Alaska coastal brown bears, which can be seen anywhere along the road.

Spasski River Valley

The Spasski River valley is famous for having one of the highest densities of coastal brown bears in the world. On arrival at the river valley, disembark the bus and follow your guide down a gravel path and boardwalks across a muskeg to viewing platforms strategically positioned over the lower Spasski River. Learn about the delicate rainforest ecology that supports the island's massive bears and all the other commonly found local flora and fauna. This area provides excellent birdwatching opportunities, and the Spasski River is an active salmon stream where bears are commonly spotted throughout the summer. Enjoy the rugged wilderness before re-boarding the coach for the drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves walking (800 yards/730 meters) and standing for approximately an hour. There are a few steps to negotiate when boarding and leaving the coach, and the terrain includes boardwalk and gravel. Children aged 8 years and over may participate. Participants should dress warmly in layers of weather-appropriate clothing and wear comfortable water-resistant shoes. On rainy days it is advisable to bring weatherproof raingear. Bring a camera and binoculars. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Whale & Marine Mammals Cruise | ISP-H

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2.5 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Voyage to the renowned Point Adolphus area with a naturalist guide on a whale-watching vessel to spot humpback whales and many other marine mammals.

Cruise looking for Humpback whales, Orca (Killer Whales), Seal, Porpoise, Steller's sea lions

Depart directly from Icy Strait Point for a two-and-a-half-hour cruise on a safe, stable, covered, comfortable whale-watching vessel. Travel through the bountiful waters of Icy Strait to the renowned Point Adolphus area, home to Alaska's largest summer population of humpback whales. Along the way there is the possibility of spotting some of the region's other marine life including orca (killer whales), seal, porpoise and Steller's sea lions. Don't forget to scan the shore for bald eagles in the evergreen treetops and bears on the beaches. Listen to an onboard naturalist describe the biology and behavior of the diverse species that gather every summer to indulge in Alaska's nutrient-rich waters. Enjoy the open-air observation deck, scan the area with binoculars and take advantage of the many and varied photo opportunities. The whales are so plentiful that Icy Strait Point offers a 100% refund if a whale is not spotted on every trip.

Please note: This tour involves minimal walking (50 feet/15 meters) as the whale watching vessel is boarded directly across from the cruise ship. At low tide the ramp from the shore to the dock can be steep. The tour is ADA accessible: the vessel can accommodate mobility devices with minimum ground clearance of 3.5 inches (9 cm) and not exceeding 48 inches (122 cm) in length and 32 inches (81 cm) in width and with a combined weight not to exceed 600 lbs (272 kilograms). Children of all ages may participate. Guests should dress in layers and wear weather-appropriate clothing, including a

waterproof jacket, and comfortable shoes. On sunny days sunscreen and a hat may be advisable, but guests should bear in mind that weather conditions may change suddenly. Bring a camera and binoculars.

Whale, Wildlife & Bear Search | ISP-I

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 5.5 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Take advantage of Icy Strait Point's location for a day's adventure combining a whale watching cruise with a drive into the interior forests and muskegs of Chichagof Island to search for bald eagles, woodpeckers, Sitka black-tail deer and spot brown bears feeding on wild salmon.

Whale-Watching Cruise

Depart the dock for a high-speed two-and-a-half-hour cruise toward Point Adolphus and back. Whale sightings are guaranteed, and you will be traveling through waters that support a wide array of other marine life, including orca (killer whales), Steller sea lions, harbor seals, sea otters, porpoise and of course the magnificent humpback whales. Keep your eyes peeled for bald eagles in the evergreen treetops lining the shore. Learn from an on-board naturalist about the diversity of marine life that gathers here every summer to feed in the nutrient-rich waters, fueled by the long Alaska summer days. Cruise back to Icy Strait Point and take a short break before meeting the local guide who will accompany you on your wildlife search.

Hoonah Tlingit village, Chichagof Island Forests, Spasski River

Board the coach for the 45-minute journey out to the Spasski River. This is a tour in itself as the bus travels through the Tlingit village of Hoonah and out through the interior forests and muskegs of Chichagof Island. Watch for bald eagles, woodpeckers, Sitka black-tail deer and Alaska coastal brown bears all along the way. On arrival at the river, follow your guide down a gravel path and across a boardwalk over the delicate muskeg to the viewing platforms by the river itself, and learn about the rainforest ecology that supports the island's massive bears. After an hour in this fascinating habitat, reboard the coach and return to Icy Strait Point.

Please note: This tour involves walking (800 yards/730 meters) and standing for approximately one hour. There are a few steps to negotiate, and the terrain includes boardwalk and gravel. Guests should dress in layers and wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes. Children aged 8 or over may participate. Bear sightings cannot be guaranteed. The tour order may vary.

Scenic Mountain Ascent & World's Largest ZipRider | ISP-K

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 0.03 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Take in the views on the ride to the top, then race to the bottom on the world's largest ZipRider!

Mt. Hoonah, ZipRider descent

Icy Strait Point features the world's largest ZipRider, with six 5,330' ziplines dropping 1330'. After launching, you will quickly accelerate to speeds exceeding 60 mph as you soar 300 feet above the rainforest below. If you are looking for a one-of-a-kind experience, then the ZipRider is for you. With up to six guests descending at once, this is also a great family or group activity!

Your adventure begins when you board your bus for the scenic drive to the top of 1550' Hoonah Mountain. Your driver will narrate as you pass through the village of Hoonah and then up the mountainside. Keep a watch out for wildlife! Deer, eagles, and bears are occasionally seen. Several overlooks offer spectacular vantage points of Hoonah, Port Frederick, and Icy Strait. On clear days, you can see the towering peaks of Glacier Bay National Park in the distance!

Once on top, you will take a short walk through towering old-growth rainforest to the launching area. Upon reaching the tower, you will be given a safety briefing and organized into groups of six. After being seated and secured in a special harness, you will prepare for take-off. As you race down the zipline, your initial surge of adrenaline will be replaced by genuine appreciation of the magnificence of the local scenery. Your ZipRide will conclude with a break-activated landing on the beach back at Icy Strait Point.

Please note: Participants in this tour must be physically fit enough to negotiate the ZipRider, including somewhat abrupt landings on the platforms. Guests must be able to lift their feet and hold tightly onto the zipline harness, therefore all photographic devices must have a lanyard or headgear in order to leave both hands free. The tour also involves walking 800 yards, mostly down a steep gravel trail from the mountaintop to the launch area. It is not suitable for expectant mothers, guests with back and/or neck problems, or those with fear of heights. To use the harness safely and comfortably guests must be between 4'4" and 6'8" (1.32 - 2.03 meters) in height and between 75 and 275 lbs (34 - 125 kilograms) in weight. Children may participate on condition that they fit within these height and weight limits. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. Participants are advised to dress in layers and wear weather-appropriate clothing. Shoes must be closed-toe and should be comfortable. No guarantee can be made that guests will be able to descend the ZipRider in groups of their choosing.

OPTIONAL Shore Excursions.

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