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## Ketchikan, Alaska | Optional Shore Excursions

The Salmon Capital of the World is a thrilling introduction to wild and wonderful Alaska, sitting at the southern gateway to the Inside Passage's famed route of larger than life scenery. Cruise through the waters, or soar just above in a sightseeing plane, to take in the full majesty of the magnificent Misty Fjords National Monument. Home to grizzly and black bears - as well as cruising whales and swimming seals - the wildlife spotting opportunities in this majestic corner of the world are nothing short of spectacular. Towered over by steep banks and valley walls, Ketchikan's ocean inlet is peppered with granite stacks, looming from the waters. Surrounded by glorious landscapes, head to the Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary, which is alive with bald eagles, black bears and remarkable, thick, yellow banana slugs - the squeamish are advised to keep well clear. Visit Ketchikan's Heritage Centre, where a collection of intricately carved totem poles rise up, preserving the heritage of the indigenous Tlingit and Haida people of these lands. Ketchikan has the world's largest collection, and some of the oldest and most precious totems in existence. This frontier city hasn't always been so wholesome, however. See the colourful historic street that is built on crooked stilts over Ketchikan Creek, which has a crude history as the main red-light district in the city. The brothels closed in the 1950s, but you can explore this legendarily seedy past at Dolly's House - a brothel turned museum. See the Married Man trail, a historical route used to enter Creek Street away from prying eyes.

### Private Fishing & Wilderness Dining | KTN-001

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 5 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Cast a line in a remote wilderness location during this authentic full-day private fishing excursion along the pristine Alaskan coastline.

#### **Alaskan Fishing**

Depart the pier with your guide for the brief stroll to the Baranof Outfitting Room. After receiving your weather-appropriate outdoor gear and safety instructions, board a stable 20-foot (6-metre) open-air skiff and head out into the pristine wilderness. With only four guests per boat, your professional guide can customize the excursion to fit your interests and skill level. The thrill of bottom-fishing is what attracts fishermen to these waters.

You are given your own rod and tackle to use during the trip. Experience the anticipation of jigging and excitement of landing rockfish, red snapper, lingcod, or salmon. You only keep what you eat for lunch.

#### **Dine on Your Catch**

After fishing and wildlife-viewing, proceed to shore and a remote campsite where a crackling fire awaits your arrival. You can watch as your guide prepares your freshly-caught fish for cooking, then eat your

meal al fresco amidst the stillness of the rain forest. Your fish is served atop a saffron-infused, bouillabaisse-inspired stew (no shellfish), and includes fire-warmed sourdough rolls, rhubarb-blueberry bread pudding, and steaming mugs of coffee or hot chocolate.

After this rustic lunch in the Alaskan wilderness, your tour concludes with a return drive to the pier.

**Please note: The max capacity for each skiff is 5 (4 for more comfort). It requires a moderate amount of walking, some of which involves negotiating uneven terrain and guests must be able to climb in and out of the skiff. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilize a wheelchair. It may include 2-3 hours in a fishing skiff that is open to the elements. Dress warmly in layers and wear comfortable shoes; rain gear, bib overalls, button-up jacket, hat, gloves, wool socks, and rubber boots are all provided. Alaska State Law requires a \$25 fishing license be purchased and paid in cash at the outfitting station prior to the start of your fishing trip. The catching of fish is not guaranteed. Actual fishing time varies depending on amount of time in port. This tour is nonrefundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Catch cannot be brought to the ship.**

## Saxman Native Village & City Tour | KTN-002

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 2.5 hours

Enjoy a rare window into Native culture as you visit Saxman Village, an active Native Village near the historic city of Ketchikan. Be sure to bring your camera, as this 2.5-hour tour provides uncommon access to the cultural elements that make up the rich living culture of Alaskan Native Americans. Begin and end your visit with a scenic drive and a driving tour of Ketchikan.

### Scenic Drive to Saxman Village and Village Welcome

Begin with a scenic 25-minute drive through lovely Ketchikan before arriving at Saxman Native Village. Upon arrival, experience a traditional tribal welcome ceremony, following the ways of the Tlingits in welcoming visitors for centuries. Watch a short video that introduces you to the history and culture of Saxman and set out on a walk along a short nature trail.

### Cultural Experience at Saxman Village: Native Dancing, Totem Park, Carving Shed Demonstration

The nature trail ends at the Beaver Clan House, where you get the privilege of witnessing tribal members performing traditional dances and ancient songs. There is also the chance for participation, as you are given Tlingit costume to try on for you to join the Cape Fox Dancers as the final portion of the show.

Walk to the Saxman Totem Park to get educated on the history of the impressive totem poles that play an important role in Native Alaskan culture. Your knowledgeable guide shares with you the history and significance of awe-inspiring, enormous master-works that tower over you.

Then at the Village Carving Center watch carvers busily at work, with energetic and eager apprentices nearby interested in carrying on the tradition of making Native art - some of the most sought-after Native pieces in the world. There is an opportunity to bring some of this beautiful work home at the Village Store to help seal your unforgettable experience at Saxman Native Village.

## Ketchikan Scenic Driving Tour

After your visit to the village, it is time to re-board the coach. Take a brief and scenic ride through and around charming Ketchikan as you wind your way back to the ship. Highlights include Alaska's busiest waterfront, home to not just boats but also water-planes, as well as the notorious Creek Street, formerly the city's red-light district during the Gold Rush, and of course the historic residential areas and the turn-of-the-century style downtown area. Return to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, approximately half a mile, with 500 feet of incline to negotiate and some gravel paths. Stairs can be bypassed, making this tour suitable for guests in a wheelchair, though an ADA-accessible vehicle must be requested in advance. There is no minimum age to participate, but vehicles do not have a child safety seat. Guests are recommended dress in warm layers and wear comfortable walking shoes, and to bring binoculars and bottled water. Space on this tour is somewhat limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## Anan Creek Bear Watching | KTN-003

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 5 hours

This excursion is a rare and thrilling opportunity to observe bears in their natural element at Anan Creek, where they gather every summer to catch salmon that spawn here. From early July into mid-August bears migrate to Anan Creek, where as many as 300,000 salmon return to spawn, one of the largest runs of salmon in southeast Alaska.

### Anan Bear & Wildlife Observatory

Make your way to the Anan Bear and Wildlife Observatory, located at the epicenter of this bear and salmon migration. The observatory is one of the few places in the world where Black and Brown Bears fish side by side, sharing their abundant fishing spot.

Transfer from the ship to a floatplane, and after a safety briefing make the scenic, 45-minute flight to the Observatory Trail Head. On the flight you may see seals, dolphins and occasional Orca and Humpback whales visible as they travel and feed on Herring, Smelt and Sand Lance in the bays and.

Upon arrival be greeted by US Forest Service guides, learning all about bear safety and how to act when in sight of bears. Take a moderate half-mile hike from the beach that winds through primeval rainforest and along a lagoon boardwalk (some steps involved) and arrive at the viewing platform overlooking a modest waterfall. Keep your eyes open as bears may be spotted even along the trail.

Bears love to wait at the top of the waterfall, ready to catch the fish that crowd together as they attempt their astounding, instinctive leap up the water falls. Watch as the bears teach their young to hunt and observe the complex hierarchy of bear behavior. In this season called the salmon run, over a hundred bears come to fill up on salmon to prepare for a long winter. It is likely that bears are not the only wildlife visitors get to see, as both Black and Brown Bears leave all but the fattiest parts of the fish for other animals to scavenge, including Bald Eagles (particularly spectacular as they soar overhead), Harbor Seals, Otters, Ravens and other animals.

In a sort of truce that comes with regular exposure to humans, the bears are accustomed to seeing people nearby on the viewing platform. This means that you have incredible photo opportunities as bears ignore you and continue eating, wading into the stream, getting their food and returning to the shore to dine.

Your safety on this tour is paramount and it is essential you listen to (and stick with) your guides, who carry guns and pepper spray for both the safety of the bears and humans.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, approximately one mile total, with a few steps up and down to negotiate and narrow paths. Guests also need to be able to board a floatplane. Much of the walking is a forest trail with natural surfaces and exposed roots; this trail is not suitable for those with mobility or serious vision issues and cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Guests must sign a waiver. Food is not allowed at the venue so if there any diabetic participants tour operator needs to be informed. There is a weight restriction of 270 pounds. The minimum age to participate is 9 years old, provided the child can follow directions. If our guides or other guests find children to be disruptive or jeopardize the safety of the group, they and their guardians will be escorted back to the trailhead and still charged for the tour. Guests are recommended to dress in layers and wear sturdy walking shoes; open-toed shoes are not acceptable as trails are muddy. Binoculars and camera recommended. Space on this tour is limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment. Wildlife sightings likely but not guaranteed. This tour is nonrefundable if cancelled later than 30 days before the date of the excursion.**

## Traitor`s Cove Bear Viewing | KTN-005

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 4.2 hours

The Traitors' Cove Bear Viewing experience begins with a brief transfer to the float planes for the 20minute flight over the luxuriant Tongass National Forest which will set the backdrop for your bearwatching experience!

Interactive headsets facilitate direct communication with the pilot, and each other during the flight and your pilot will comment on the area's attractions.

A one-mile van transfer will take you from the floatplane landing site to the park's trailhead. A half-mile walk along the trail leads you to the observation area, where alert black bears keep an eager lookout for migrating salmon. Your guide will accompany you to the Margaret Creek Bear Viewing platform and will point out the local flora and fauna as you walk.

The observatory is maintained by the US Forest Service, which keeps a strict limit on the number of visitors. The Tongass National Forest has the highest density of black bears in the world and one of the highest densities of brown bears, so visitors have a good chance of sighting the bears at Traitors' Cove, one of the park's five designated Bear Viewing Areas.

Enjoy a safe place to view and photograph these iconic creatures in their natural habitat! Facilities make viewing the bears easier and safer, with minimum disturbance to the animals. In addition to black bears, you may see salmon, bald eagles, sea lions, and other wildlife. At the end of your time at the site, walk back along the trail to the float plane and make the return flight to town and transfer back to the ship.

**Please note: Total walking distance is approximately ½ mile along a incline, gravel trail. The path to the observatory is a maintained gravel trail - on an incline. All participants need to be fit enough to make the return walk unaided along the trail and to keep up with the group. Weight and height restrictions apply due to the compact nature of the planes, guests will be required to provide their weight. Not recommended for anyone with claustrophobia due to the compact nature of float planes. Not recommended for babies, or very young children. Guests must be at least 5 years old to participate on this tour. No food or beverage (bottled water excepted) allowed at the site. Wildlife sightings, though common, cannot be guaranteed. Closed-toe, comfortable shoes, dress in layers, light rain jacket with hood recommended. This tour is not refundable if cancelled within 14 days from the date of the excursion.**

## **Bonfire Bay Oyster Farm | KTN-007**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.25 hours

Experience the coastal splendour, marine life and flavours of coastal Ketchikan during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

### **Ketchikan, Coastal Drive, Bonfire Bay, Boat-Cruise, Clover Passage, Marine Life**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive along the coast to Bonfire Bay, where local guides bring Ketchikan's past-and-present to life. Upon arrival, embark a 20-passenger USCGapproved vessel for a short wildlife-spotting cruise across the Clover Passage to the Hump Island Oyster & Kelp Farm, the only working oyster and kelp farm in the state. En route, look for marine life that frequents this area from the large exterior deck or enclosed cabin.

### **Hump Island Oyster & Kelp Farm, Guided Tour, Interactive Touch-Tank Experience**

Upon arrival at the Hump Island Oyster & Kelp Farm, a one-of-a-kind floating facility, the crew provides a behind-the-scenes overview of the kelp-and-oyster-growing process. In addition, view local sea life via an interactive, touch-tank experience and enjoy great photo opportunities, you can even browse the gift shop for unique souvenirs.

### **Oyster Bar, Tasting of Locally-Harvested Oyster and Kelp Products, Gift Shop**

Next, proceed to the onsite Oyster Bar for an amazing, sea-to-table tasting experience. Here, tantalise your taste buds with a sampling of locally-harvested oyster and kelp products. Group sizes are intimate, so there is plenty of time to engage with your knowledgeable local guides. At the conclusion of your visit, embark your vessel for the short wildlife-spotting cruise back to Bonfire Bay. Upon arrival, disembark the vessel, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 45-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, at times over uneven and slippery surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the boat, several steps to navigate a tidal-dependent ramp and 13 steps at the entrance to the Oyster Bar. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to seasickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear warm, comfortable clothing in layers with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a weatherproof jacket, bottled water and Euros for**

**purchases from the ship. Guests must be at least six years old to participate on this tour. Guests must be at least 18 years old to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. Due to the size of the lifejackets, guests must weigh at least 40 pounds (about 18 kilograms) to participate on this tour. Although frequently encountered on this type of tour, wildlife, fish and marine life sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## **Ketchikan Photo Safari | KTN-010**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3 hours

Ketchikan traveling with an award winning photographer with great local knowledge. Visit multiple sights to be given the best possible opportunities to achieve iconic photos of the Ketchikan area. Discover and discuss photographic techniques shared by your photo safari guide. Each participant will spend 3 hours in Ketchikan traveling with an award winning photographer with great local knowledge and experience. Each participant will visit multiple sights and be given the best possible opportunities to achieve iconic photos of the Ketchikan area. Each participant will discover and discuss photographic field techniques shared by their photo safari guide. Enjoy complimentary bottled water, gourmet cookies and coffee along the way. From cell phones to "point and shoots" to sophisticated SLR cameras, virtually every cruise ship passenger is a photographer. Join this small sized group of like-minded adventurers and "Get off the Tourist-Beaten Path".

Visit Creek Street, view Totem Poles, Salmon Stream, Mountain Vistas, Boat Harbor and a remote Beach Site.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, approximately 50 to 300 feet walking distance per site. You will visit 7-8 sites. This tour is not suitable for those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress warmly in layers, as the tour operates in all weather conditions. The tour sequence may vary. Bring a camera with plenty of film or memory and batteries. Group size is very limited to 9 guests or less to ensure a comfortable and interactive atmosphere; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## **Misty Fjords Flightseeing | KTN-011**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2.05 hours

Explore the second-largest wilderness region in the United States in an exhilarating new way during this exciting floatplane excursion in the Misty Fjords National Monument. Spanning over two million acres (over 800,000 hectare), the Misty Fjords National Monument is a remote area crafted by nature's forces over tens of thousands of years. It is truly one of the highlights of your visit to Ketchikan.

Depart the pier for the short drive to the seaplane base. After a safety briefing, walk down towards your awaiting aircraft.

### **Floatplane Flight**

Board an authentic De Havilland floatplane and soar along the Ketchikan waterfront and over the Tongass Narrows. Then, ascend for a flyover of the enchanting Misty Fjords National Monument. En

route, pass by sheer granite cliffs, plunging 1000-foot (300-metre) waterfalls, and crystalline glacial lakes. Eagles, mountain goats, whales, and sea lions are some of the wildlife you may be able to observe from your guaranteed window seat during this floatplane adventure.

### **Misty Fjords National Monument**

Your specially-equipped floatplane offers all the amenities to make your trip a memorable experience, including digital sound systems and individual passenger noise-cancelling headsets to hear the narrative and choreographed music. Your flight route is dependent on the weather and will take you on a once in a lifetime adventure to either the South where you may see New Eddystone Rock and Big Goat Lake or North past Neets Bay and Bell Island Hot Springs.

Midway through the flight, your pilot will land in a pristine lake or ocean inlet so you can savour the incredible scenery, serenity and tranquillity of your surroundings. Remember to bring your camera to capture the dramatic sights of the Misty Fjords National Monument

Afterwards, the floatplane returns you to its facility, where the transfer vehicle stands-by to take you to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires little walking; however, guests must be able to climb in and out of the floatplane and walk along an inclined ramp to and from the plane. It is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. Sturdy, non-skid shoes are recommended. This tour includes approximately 65 minutes of flight time and a 10-minute water-landing. Although wildlife is commonly seen in this area, sightings cannot be guaranteed. Each guest will have a window seat as well as noise-cancelling headsets. The tour operates under a special-use permit from the U.S. Forest Service. Participation is limited. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as guest safety and comfort, guests weighing 250 pounds (109 kilograms/17 stone) or more will be charged an additional \$150 to reserve adequate space on board the plane.**

**Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions, as are visibility, views and the route chosen. The pilot's main concern is the passengers' safety, and flights may be cancelled on short notice if prevailing weather conditions are deemed to be unsafe. Please note that for operational reasons there may be changes on the departure times on short notice.**

## **Misty Fjords Flightseeing | KTN-012**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2 hours

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### **Floatplane Flight**



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### **Misty Fjords National Monument**

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Afterwards, the floatplane returns you to its facility, where the transfer vehicle stands-by to take you to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires little walking; however, guests must be able to climb in and out of the floatplane and walk along an inclined ramp to and from the plane. It is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. Sturdy, non-skid shoes are recommended. This tour includes approximately 60 minutes of flight time. Although wildlife is commonly seen in this area, sightings cannot be guaranteed. Each guest will have a window seat as well as noise-cancelling headsets. The tour operates under a special-use permit from the U.S. Forest Service.**

**Participation is limited. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions, as are visibility, views and the route chosen. The pilot's main concern is the passengers' safety, and flights may be cancelled on short notice if prevailing weather conditions are deemed to be unsafe. Please note that for operational reasons there may be changes on the departure times on short notice.**

## **Misty Fjords Flightseeing | KTN-013**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2 hours

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Depart the pier for the short drive to the seaplane base. After a safety briefing, walk down towards your awaiting aircraft.

### **Floatplane Flight**

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Midway through the flight, your pilot will land in a pristine lake or ocean inlet so you can savour the incredible scenery, serenity and tranquillity of your surroundings. Remember to bring your camera to capture the dramatic sights of the Misty Fjords National Monument.

Afterwards, the floatplane returns you to its facility, where the transfer vehicle stands-by to take you to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires little walking; however, guests must be able to climb in and out of the floatplane and walk along an inclined ramp to and from the plane. It is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. Sturdy, non-skid shoes are recommended. This tour includes approximately 65 minutes of flight time and a 10-minute water-landing. Although wildlife is commonly seen in this area, sightings cannot be guaranteed. Each guest will have a window seat as well as noise-cancelling headsets. The tour operates under a special-use permit from the U.S. Forest Service. Participation is limited. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as guest safety and comfort, guests weighing 240 pounds (109 kilograms/17 stone) or more will be charged an additional \$150 to reserve adequate space on board the plane.**

**Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions, as are visibility, views and the route chosen. The pilot's main concern is the passengers' safety, and flights may be cancelled on short notice if prevailing weather conditions are deemed to be unsafe. Please note that for operational reasons there may be changes on the departure times on short notice.**

## **Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show | KTN-A**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 1.25 hours

Alaska's frontier lumberjacks battle British Columbia's premier woodsmen in a no-holds-barred competition for the title 'Bull of the Woods'.

### **Lumberjack Show**

Southeast Alaska's rich logging history comes to life in this thrilling display of skill. World champion athletes are featured in springboard chopping, buck sawing, axe throwing, log rolling, and a tree climb ending in a 50-foot (15-metre) free fall. Your colourful host delights the crowd with stories of lumberjack

lore. Located a short walk from the pier, this celebration of a bygone era promises a rip-roaring good time and quality entertainment for all ages.

Enjoy the one-hour show from covered, heated, and cushioned grandstands, sheltered from inclement weather. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to meet the athletes, take photographs with them and get autographs if desired. Remain in town to browse the sights and shops and return to the ship at your leisure.

**Please note: A short walk of approximately 5 minutes is required from the pier to the venue. Should the ship be docked at Pier 4, transportation will be provided. The venue is wheelchair accessible, electric wheelchairs and scooters can be accommodated. This tour is recommended for all guests. Videotaping of the show is not permitted, but still photography is welcome. This tour is not exclusive to Silversea Guests.**

## Ketchikan by Land & Sea | KTN-B

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 1.5 hours

Experience the history and landmarks of Ketchikan in a unique new way during this sightseeing excursion via amphibious vehicle.

### Land Tour

Depart the pier for the short guided stroll to the "*Duck*", a fully-covered and heated specially designed built amphibious vehicle with viewing windows and comfortable interior seating. After embarking the vessel, receive your safety briefing before starting your fully-narrated tour of Ketchikan and its surrounding waters. Travelling through the downtown historical district, brief photo stops are made at landmarks that include the Salmon Ladder, Salmon Spawning Grounds, City Park, Whale Park, Ketchikan's world-famous tunnel, the old Red Light District on Creek Street, and more.

### Sea Tour

Next, continue through the downtown area and proceed to the harbour. Here, enter the water through the launch ramp, then pass by numerous fishing and pleasure boats before heading into the Tongass Narrows. Following along the waterfront, take in up-close views of seaplanes and canneries, and observe the way people live and work on the water. From here, continue past Pennock Island, follow the shoreline of Gravina Island and see neighbouring islands. Along the way, you may spot eagles and other local wildlife. Afterward, enter the harbour and exit the water via the boat launch. A stop is made to rinse off the boat before commencing the return drive to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a minimal amount of walking, with a few steps to negotiate to embark/disembark the amphibious vehicle. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, a light sweater or jacket, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions.**

## Ketchikan Cultural Discovery | KTN-C

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.25 hours

Ketchikan's colourful history and rich heritage come to life during this informative outing that explores two cultural attractions in this bustling waterfront community.

Depart the pier en route to picturesque City Park for a brief guided stroll before heading to the Totem Heritage Centre for a behind-the-scenes experience in the archive of carved treasures.

### Totem Heritage Centre

Your guide leads a brief walk to the Totem Heritage Centre, home to the world's finest collection of 19th-century totem poles. Retrieved from abandoned Native village sites, these beautifully-preserved massive cedar monuments artfully record and retell the history and lore of Alaska's indigenous people. After a brief introduction by the museum staff, explore the museum and the wonderful artefacts. Next, leave the average traveller behind as you are welcomed into the museum's archives for an exclusive, behind-the-scenes experience with a museum host. Enjoy viewing this impressive collection and learn about the Centre's efforts to preserve traditional art forms such as basket making, beadwork and carving.

### Potlatch Park

Enjoy a narrated scenic drive to Potlatch Park, where you will explore several centuries of Alaskan history. Start among their collection of antique cars - a 1932 Packard, 1924 Stanley Steamer and a 1937 Ford Pick-up, to name a few. Then get ready to take an awe-inspiring guided trip back to the 19th century as you explore a fully recreated Native Alaskan village, including 5 tribal homes and beautifully carved totems, one of which is an impressive 42 feet high. Take a moment to peer into one of the homes to see the diorama of how native Alaskans actually lived in the 1800's. Walk through a traditional style smoke house and an active carving centre to view creative works in the making.

### Alaska Totem Trading

Enjoy some free time at the Alaska Totem Trading for an opportunity to shop for authentic Alaskan art, crafts, totems as well as a large supply of souvenirs/curios to commemorate your visit. Don't miss viewing the small yet quaint museum attached to Alaska Totem Trading which includes an eclectic collection of rare vintage fire arms and other historic memorabilia before re-boarding the coach for the return trip to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking of approximately 0.5 miles (800 metres) over gravel paths with some inclines for approximately 164 feet (50 metres), with 3 steps to climb in and out of the vehicle and it is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress warmly in layers and wear comfortable footwear that can get wet, as this tour operates in all weather conditions. A minimum number of guests are required to operate. The order of sights seen may vary.**

## Self Drive Zodiac Adventure | KTN-E

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 3.5 hours

Experience the rugged natural beauty of Alaska in a unique new way during this unforgettable, half-day RIB-boat excursion.

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute group transfer to your awaiting, 14-foot (4.2metre) Zodiac rigid inflatable boat (RIB). Upon arrival, receive your safety instructions and begin your guided sightseeing excursion through the pristine rainforest islands north of Ketchikan. Along the way, take in spectacular panoramic vistas of your surroundings, and look for whales, seals, eagles, sea lions, bears, seabirds, and other wildlife that inhabit this region.

During your picturesque excursion, a stop is made at an area beach or estuary for a hot beverage and a snack. On the return ride, hand over the helm to another boatman, and pass by rock islands where humpback whales and orcas frequently surface. When in season, ride deep into bays and inlets where salmon spawning streams attract black bears. At the conclusion of your journey, re-board the group transportation for the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: Transportation on this tour is not private, only the Zodiac portion. This tour is sold per boat (zodiac) for up to 4 guests. Only one person in your party need reserve the tour and charges may be split between suites on board. This tour involves a minimal amount of walking, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the boat. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended; skiff suits, boots, socks, gloves, hats, and life jackets are provided. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment. This tour is nonrefundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port.**

## Private Crabbing, Fishing & Exploration | KTN-H

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 4.5 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Go on an adventure on this private fishing and crabbing tour at Bostwick Bay which is home to thousands of Dungeness crab.

### **Baranof private downtown marina**

On arrival you are met by your guide at the gangway where you will take a short walk to the outfitting room where you will be outfitted in all-weather gear and where you can purchase your fishing license. Next board the vessel and head out from Baranof's private downtown marina into the breath taking landscape of southeast Alaska

### **Beachcombing**

Next, Learn how to bait and set crab pots with the help of an experienced guide and while they soak, head out on an adventure of your choosing in Ketchikan's world-renowned waters in a private 22ft cabin cruiser for you and up to five (5) other members of your family. Your private 22ft cabin cruiser is outfitted for salmon fishing, halibut fishing, or pulling up to the beach for beachcombing and exploring.

With just you and your family on board you can truly customize the day to fit your needs. Whether your bucket list contains fishing for pacific halibut, or your kids want to explore tide pools and beach crabs, we can make this a trip of a lifetime!

### **Crab pots, wilderness campsite**

After retrieving your crab pots, head to our wilderness campsite for a rustic gourmet meal featuring your fresh caught fish and crab around a campfire amidst the old-grown trees of our Tongass National Forest.

Your tour concludes at the pier.

**Please note: The price is per vehicle/vessel. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, some of which involves negotiating uneven terrain and guests must be able to climb in and out of the vessel with minimal assistance. Only one person in your party need reserve the tour and charges may be split between suites on-board. The vessel allows for a maximum of 6 guests. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests with previous neck or back injuries should not participate in this excursion as the vessel may navigate in rough waters at times. The minimum participation age is five (5) years old. Dress warmly in layers and wear comfortable shoes; rain gear, rain coat, rain pants, wool hat, wool socks and rubber boots are all provided. Alaska State Law requires a \$25 fishing license be purchased and paid in cash, for all guests over the age of 16, at the outfitting station prior to the start of your fishing trip. The catching of fish is not guaranteed. This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Catch cannot be brought to the ship.**

## **Rainforest Wildlife Sanctuary | KTN-I**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 2.75 hours

If you love nature and the great outdoors, then do not miss this delightful outing at the private Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary.

Depart the pier for the scenic, eight-mile (13-kilometre) coastal drive en route to the private Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary, an exclusive reserve located in the forested mountains at rustic Herring Cove.

### **Alaska Rain Forest Sanctuary**

This pristine natural environment is home to bald eagles, black bears, seals, and a variety of birds and other species attracted by the major salmon runs (in season) in the abundant marine estuary. In addition to wildlife viewing, this tour provides opportunities to view and photograph raptors, including bald eagles, up-close at the Alaska Raptor Center educational extension and may observe a master Native totem pole carver at work.

Following the coastal drive and arrival at the private reserve, you are greeted by a naturalist before commencing your guided walking tour. The route proceeds along a trail walk, and through the heart of the dense forest past tall stands of hemlock, spruce, and Alaska cedar. Stops are made at strategically located viewing areas. After arriving at a protected open estuary, follow Eagle Creek along an elevated, wooden boardwalk overlooking grassy wetlands. Major runs of salmon return here annually to spawn.

Watch and listen to the symphony of bird activity in this spectacular setting. During spawning season, the likelihood of viewing the area's fascinating wildlife is good. As bears and seals feed on salmon in Eagle Creek, bald eagles and other birds wait for scraps in the estuary. Sitka black tail deer, mink, marten, and otters also frequent the area. Seasonal ecosystem changes result in varying levels of wildlife activity.

### **Alaska Raptor Center**

At the conclusion of the half-mile (800-metre) trail walk proceed to the Alaska Raptor Center exhibit to observe birds of prey, including bald eagles up-close, and learn about the heritage and habitat of America's national symbol from a raptor specialist.

### **Old Sawmill and Interpretive Center**

Following these great photographic opportunities, explore the historic Old Sawmill, established by pioneer Ben Fleenor. Observe a master Native totem pole carver at work and view the impressive collection of Tsimshian totem poles.

Complimentary snacks and beverages are provided, and some free time is made available for browsing in the general store before commencing the return drive to Ketchikan and the ship.

**Please note: This tour involves walking on mostly flat, improved trails that are relatively smooth, with some inclines and no steps. It is suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair providing they are accompanied by another guest able to push the chair up slight inclines on compressed gravel. Total walking distance is .75 miles (1.2 kilometres). Dress warmly in layers and wear comfortable shoes that can get wet as this tour operates in all weather conditions. Rain ponchos are provided. Wildlife sightings are common but cannot be guaranteed.**

## **Bear Country Wildlife Experience | KTN-J**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Extensive | Duration: 3 hours

Walk along trails in a private reserve located in forested mountains at rustic Herring Cove in search of the most popular residents, the black bear. This half-day excursion provides an opportunity to view these wild bears in their natural habitat, allowing an in-depth experience for the nature lover and photographer.

### **Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary**

Depart the pier by coach for the drive to Herring Cove. Located within the Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary, this bear viewing site is near the Whitman Hatchery that produces large salmon runs, attracting black bear to the area. Meet your naturalist guide at the trailhead shelter and, after an orientation and bear safety briefing, begin a .75-mile (1.2-kilometre) walk along an improved trail through the heart of dense rainforest, among tall stands of hemlock, spruce, and Alaska cedar. Follow the guide to a restricted access, elevated boardwalk leading to a private viewing platform overlooking Eagle Creek. This provides

a unique opportunity to view bears at close range as they fish for salmon in the stream or forage for berries.

Following the wildlife viewing, walk through the historic Herring Bay Lumber Company sawmill, see birds of prey close-up at the Alaska Raptor Center's Ketchikan exhibit, and visit with a Native master carver crafting a totem pole. Enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages at the General Store before reboarding your coach for the return drive to the pier.

### **Wildlife Viewing**

Few locations in Alaska offer the wildlife viewing opportunities found at this forest sanctuary. Large concentrations of black bear gather to feed on the runs of Pacific salmon that return to spawn in the sanctuary. Bald eagles, mink, and marten are often seen waiting for salmon scraps left by the bears. Seals can be seen at high tide feeding on the bountiful fish harvest.

This tour is highly variable based wildlife activity. Your dedicated team of guides and wildlife spotters will work to put you in the best place to view and photograph wild black bears. You will have access to the entire sanctuary's trail and boardwalk system, including some areas reserved specifically for this excursion, but will only use the areas deemed best for wildlife viewing given current conditions. This excursion may spend extended periods of time in one location watching and waiting for wildlife or moving frequently to maximize sightings. Seasonal ecosystem changes and weather patterns result in varying levels of wildlife activity and sightings cannot be guaranteed. The sanctuary is a multi-use facility including walking and zipline excursions. Multiple tours may overlap when sightings are limited.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking for approximately .75 miles (1.2 kilometers) over an improved trail. Some inclines and uneven terrain are to be expected. Portions of the trail are on elevated walkways and platforms. This tour may not be suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilize a wheelchair. Close-toed walking shoes are required. Dress in layers; rain ponchos are provided. Tour sequence may vary.**

**Bear sightings are common but cannot be guaranteed. Guests will receive a refund of 80.00 USD per person to their shipboard account should bears not be spotted during the duration of the excursion. The minimum participant age is 12 years. To reduce environmental impact, the number of participants is limited and additional space may not be available. We recommend you book well in advance to avoid disappointment. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for this tour, it is non-refundable unless cancelled by 12:00 p.m. on the day after embarkation.**

## **Alaskan Lodge Adventure & Seafeast | KTN-L**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.75 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

This half-day excursion combines three unique activities into one exciting and delicious expedition.

Depart the pier via coach and enjoy a narrated tour of Ketchikan en route to Clover Pass Resort, the oldest continuously operated fishing resort in the State of Alaska. At Clover Pass, meet your boat crew, who will get you properly outfitted for comfort before boarding an adventure boat. Your first stop will be nearby an active eagle's nest. Then the Captain will navigate his way through bays and inlets as your



narrator gives you insight into the local flora, fauna and sea life. Learn about the timber industry and how it shaped the development of Alaska, and get a feeling for life on the island.

Venture past the Back Island Naval Testing Facility, home to some of the most sensitive 'ears' on the planet. Get an insight about their work on cruise ships and Navy Vessels, including nuclear submarines. Keep your eyes open for wildlife as porpoises and seals are frequent visitors along the tour route. During May and September whales are often sighted inside Clover Passage.

Your final stop is Silverking Lodge, located in the heart of Grant Island State Marine Park. At this working fishing lodge, you can check out the day's catch as fishermen make their way back from a day on the water. Walk the elevated boardwalk into the heart of the rainforest, get an up close and personal look at the flora and fauna of Southeast Alaska, and take your picture next to the largest known red cedar in the Tongass National Forest.

Finish off your tour under a covered gazebo as you dine on a delectable seafood boil meal of crab, shrimp, clams, mussels, potatoes, onions, garlic, corn, and sausage, all cooked in one delicious pot and served piping hot on your table. And if you still have room, top off your meal with dessert. Before heading back to Clover Pass Resort, take a few minutes to take photos, check out the underwater camera, or soak up the atmosphere around the lodge where your coach awaits to take you back to the ship.

**Please note: This tour involves a limited amount of walking/standing, mainly at the guest's discretion however it is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. In low tide the ramp is very steep. Guests must be able to make their own way on and off the coach and the boat. Layers of weather appropriate clothing that is suited for the outdoors and flat, comfortable walking shoes are suggested. Rain gear, hats & gloves provided. Guests should be prepared for the possibility of rain. Although commonly observed on this tour, wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Chicken meal alternative is available and guests will notify their guide while on the boat ride.**

## Rainforest Canopy & Zipline Adventure | KTN-P

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 3.5 hours

Glide through the top of a rainforest canopy along a series of dual cables suspended between tall hemlock, spruce, and cedars and gain a unique perspective on the rainforest surrounds. This adventure excursion combines a flight over 6,000 feet (1,845 metres) of high tension cables and three aerial bridges guaranteed to thrill all.

Depart the pier for the brief transfer to Herring Cove, located within the borders of the magnificent Tongass National Forest. This major rainforest reserve embraces one of Alaska's richest salmon spawning streams and a pristine inter-tidal estuary. Abundant wildlife habitat here includes a high concentration of bald eagles, black bear, and a variety of other species.

## Ziplines

At Herring Cove, an all-terrain custom 4x4 Unimog transports you up a steep rain forest hillside to the canopy chalet. Professionally-trained guides outfit you with state-of-the-art safety equipment and provide a detailed orientation before you mount the first platform. Your rainforest canopy challenge features a flight over eight ziplines, three aerial bridges suspended between tall spruce, hemlock and cedar trees, and ground-based nature trails.

## Rainforest Canopy

Your guides will progressively ease you into the forest canopy along cables ranging from a short 100 feet (30 metres) to the 850-foot (260-metre), pulse-pounding 'Ben's Revenge'. Discover Eagle Creek falls as you cross three hanging bridges offering breath-taking views of the virgin forest about 135 feet (41.5 metres) below. The final zip line emerges from the rain forest and transports you over lush grassy wetlands to a viewing tower. From up there, you will descend by a cord which will automatically rappell you down to the base.

Upon completion of this amazing experience, enjoy a snack and hot beverage, view your photograph, and enjoy complimentary entrance to the Alaska Raptor Centre's Ketchikan Exhibit located on site and browse in the General Store. Then, begin the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour is recommended for guests in good physical condition who are at least 60" (153 cm) and weigh between 90 pounds (41 kilograms/6.4 stone) and maximum 250 pounds (113 kg/18 stone). Some walking and use of stairs is required. This tour is not recommended for guests who are pregnant, suffer from a fear of heights or seizure disorders, those who have had recent surgery, or guests with limited mobility. Guests with any of these, or other, conditions may need to sign a waiver release in order to participate. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. We suggest you wear long pants, layered clothing, and closed-toe shoes; a rain jacket is provided. Wildlife sightings are likely but cannot be guaranteed. Space is very limited.**

## Fishing & Wilderness Dining | KTN-R

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 5 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Cast a line in a remote wilderness location during this authentic fishing excursion along the pristine Alaskan coastline.

## Alaskan Fishing

Depart the pier with your guide for the brief stroll to the Baranof Outfitting Room. After receiving your weather-appropriate outdoor gear and safety instructions, board a stable 22-foot (6-metre) open-air skiff and head out into the pristine wilderness. With only four or five guests per boat, your professional guide can customize the excursion to fit your interests and skill level. The thrill of bottom-fishing is what attracts fishermen to these waters.

You are given your own rod and tackle to use during the trip. Experience the anticipation of jigging and excitement of landing rockfish, red snapper, lingcod, or pacific halibut. You only keep what you eat for lunch.

## Dine on Your Catch

After fishing and wildlife-viewing, proceed to shore and a remote campsite where a crackling fire awaits your arrival. You can watch as your guide prepares your freshly-caught fish for cooking, then eat your meal al fresco amidst the stillness of the rain forest. Your fish is served atop a saffron-infused, bouillabaisse-inspired stew (no shellfish), and includes fire-warmed sourdough rolls, rhubarb-blueberry bread pudding, and steaming mugs of coffee or hot chocolate.

After this rustic lunch in the Alaskan wilderness, your tour concludes at the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal to moderate amount of walking, some of which involves negotiating uneven terrain and guests must be able to climb in and out of the skiff. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. It may include 2-3 hours in a fishing skiff that is open to the elements. Dress warmly in layers and wear comfortable shoes; rain gear, bib overalls, button-up jacket, hat, gloves, wool socks, and rubber boots are all provided. Alaska State Law requires a \$25 fishing license be purchased and paid in cash at the outfitting station prior to the start of your fishing trip. The catching of fish is not guaranteed. Actual fishing time varies depending on amount of time in port. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 5. Guests are required to bring their photo ID. Catch cannot be brought to the ship.**

## Tatoosh Islands Sea Kayak | KTN-T

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 4.5 hours

Embrace the coastal beauty of Alaska during this scenic and exhilarating sea-kayaking excursion in the Tatoosh Islands.

### Tatoosh Islands Boat-Ride

Your islands kayak adventure begins with a transfer to the Outdoor Adventure Centre, located at the north end of Ketchikan's only highway. Upon arrival, gear up for a scenic, fast and exhilarating, motorised, rigid inflatable boat ride to the Tatoosh Islands.

### Tongass National Forest Kayaking

Upon arrival in this isolated and protected area, receive your safety briefing and kayaking instructions and equipment before embarking your two-person sea kayak and launching from the sheltered beach. During your guided ride, paddle around the Tatoosh Islands and experience the lush forest from upclose. Keep your eyes peeled for inter-tidal life, bald eagles, seals, and sea lions in this protected and serene island environment of the Tongass National Forest.

After your kayaking adventure, return to the beach and embark your rigid inflatable boat for the ride back to the Outdoor Adventure Centre. Upon arrival, relax with some refreshments and browse for souvenirs before transferring back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of activity, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, and embark/disembark the rigid-hulled inflatable boat and sea-kayak. This tour is not recommended for guests with back and/or neck problems, limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Warm, layered clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are**

recommended. Raingear and dry bags are provided. Guests must not exceed 235 pounds (106 kilos / 16.70 stone) or be taller than 6 feet 6 inches (198 centimetres) in order to participate. Operation of this tour is subject to favourable weather conditions. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. Although commonly observed on this type of excursion, wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

## Ketchikan Sportfishing | KTN-U

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 4.5 hours

Test your sportfishing skills in the 'Salmon Capital of the World' during this half-day angling excursion in Ketchikan. Depart the pier and listen as your driver offers a glimpse at the past and present of the landscape around you. Your 20-minute drive takes you out of the city of Ketchikan, along the Tongass Narrows, and towards Ward Cove that lies within the sheltered Clover Passage. Meet your Coast Guardlicensed captain, purchase the State required fishing licenses, and climb aboard your boat with its covered cabin, designed for 4-6 anglers.

These local waters jump with an abundance of salmon - the elusive King (Chinook) in May and June, the plentiful Pinks in June and July, and the fighting Silvers (Coho) salmon from mid-July through September. The preferred method of fishing is trolling by downrigger, with rods placed in holders and lowered to specific depths. Once the fish have been hooked, take the rod on a rotating basis in order to land the fish.

During your three/three and half-hour hunt for salmon, your skipper provides refreshments, fishing tips, and stories about the ones that did not get away. Keep an eye out for the local mammals and birds such as seals, sea lions, and sea otter. Eagles are known to swoop down near the salmon boats, fishing for their own catch of the day and allowing you a stellar photo opportunity.

Catch and release your salmon, or if you wish, your catch can be processed locally and shipped to your home (within the continental USA) for an additional charge. Return to the marina where your transfer vehicle awaits to take you back to the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking; however, guests must be able to walk about 100 yards (91 metres) up and down a steep ramp at the marina and board the boat by stepping over the bull rail. This tour is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. A fishing license must be purchased for \$25, plus an additional \$15 for the King Salmon stamp and these fees are to be paid in CASH directly to the boat captain. The minimum participant age is 5 years. Guests must weigh less than 300 pounds (136 kilograms/21.4 stone). Dress in layers and wear deck or rubber-soled shoes; rain jackets, fishing gear, tackle and bait are provided. You may catch and release. Fish processing (vacuum packing and shipment) is available for an additional charge (credit cards are accepted). The catching of fish is not guaranteed. Catch cannot be brought to the ship.**

## Misty Fjords Flightseeing by Private Floatplane (10-seater) | KTN-X

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2 hours

Explore the second-largest wilderness region in the United States in an exhilarating new way during this exciting floatplane excursion in the Misty Fjords National Monument. Spanning over two million acres

(over 800,000 hectare), the Misty Fjords National Monument is a remote area crafted by nature's forces over tens of thousands of years. It is truly one of the highlights of your visit to Ketchikan.

Depart the pier for the short drive to the seaplane base. After a safety briefing, walk down towards your awaiting aircraft.

### **Floatplane Flight**

Board an authentic De Havilland floatplane and soar along the Ketchikan waterfront and over the Tongass Narrows. Then, ascend for a flyover of the enchanting Misty Fjords National Monument. En route, pass by sheer granite cliffs, plunging 1000-foot (300-metre) waterfalls, and crystalline glacial lakes. Eagles, mountain goats, whales, and sea lions are some of the wildlife you may be able to observe from your guaranteed window seat during this floatplane adventure.

### **Misty Fjords National Monument**

Your specially-equipped floatplane offers all the amenities to make your trip a memorable experience, including digital sound systems and individual passenger noise-cancelling headsets to hear the narrative and choreographed music. Your flight route is dependent on the weather and will take you on a once in a lifetime adventure to either the South where you may see New Eddystone Rock and Big Goat Lake or North past Neets Bay and Bell Island Hot Springs.

Midway through the flight, your pilot will land in a pristine lake or ocean inlet so you can savour the incredible scenery, serenity and tranquillity of your surroundings. A souvenir route guidebook helps identify landmarks and scenic highlights, and serves as a memento of your trip. Remember to bring your camera to capture the dramatic sights of the Misty Fjords National Monument.

Afterwards, the floatplane returns you to its facility, where the transfer vehicle stands-by to take you to the pier.

**Please note: The advertised price is per plane. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. The price for this tour includes aircraft and captain for parties of up to 10 guests. Each guest will have a window seat as well as headsets. Kindly advise the Shore Concierge Desk of the exact number and names of participants. Charges may be splitted onboard. Some walking is required down a variable sloped ramp to the floatplane and guests must be able to climb in and out of the aircraft. This tour can accommodate guests with limited mobility or who use a wheelchair with advanced notice. Sturdy, non-skid shoes are recommended. This tour involves approximately 65 minutes of actual flying time and 10 minutes spent at the lake. Although wildlife is commonly seen in this area, sightings cannot be guaranteed. This tour is nonrefundable if cancelled within 24 hours prior to arrival in the port. Combined passengers total weight cannot exceed 2500lb (1134 kg).**

Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions, as are visibility, views and the route chosen. The pilot's main concern is the passengers' safety, and flights may be cancelled on short notice if prevailing weather conditions are deemed to be unsafe. Please note that for operational reasons there may be changes on the departure times on short notice.

## Misty Fjords Flightseeing by Private Floatplane (6-seater) | KTN-Y

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2 hours

Explore the second-largest wilderness region in the United States in an exhilarating new way during this exciting floatplane excursion in the Misty Fjords National Monument. Spanning over two million acres (over 800,000 hectare), the Misty Fjords National Monument is a remote area crafted by nature's forces over tens of thousands of years. It is truly one of the highlights of your visit to Ketchikan.

Depart the pier for the short drive to the seaplane base. After a safety briefing, walk down towards your awaiting aircraft.

### Floatplane Flight

Board an authentic De Havilland floatplane and soar along the Ketchikan waterfront and over the Tongass Narrows. Then, ascend for a flyover of the enchanting Misty Fjords National Monument. En route, pass by sheer granite cliffs, plunging 1000-foot (300-metre) waterfalls, and crystalline glacial lakes. Eagles, mountain goats, whales, and sea lions are some of the wildlife you may be able to observe from your guaranteed window seat during this floatplane adventure.

### Misty Fjords National Monument

Your specially-equipped floatplane offers all the amenities to make your trip a memorable experience, including digital sound systems and individual passenger noise-cancelling headsets to hear the narrative and choreographed music. Your flight route is dependent on the weather and will take you on a once in a lifetime adventure to either the South where you may see New Eddystone Rock and Big Goat Lake or North past Neets Bay and Bell Island Hot Springs.

Midway through the flight, your pilot will land in a pristine lake or ocean inlet so you can savour the incredible scenery, serenity and tranquillity of your surroundings. A souvenir route guidebook helps identify landmarks and scenic highlights, and serves as a memento of your trip. Remember to bring your camera to capture the dramatic sights of the Misty Fjords National Monument.

Afterwards, the floatplane returns you to its facility, where the transfer vehicle stands-by to take you to the pier.

**Please note: The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per plane. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. The price for this tour includes aircraft and captain for parties of up to 6 guests. Each guest will have a window seat as well as headsets. Kindly advise the Shore Concierge Desk of the exact number and names of participants. Charges may be splitted onboard. Some walking is required down a variable sloped ramp to the floatplane and guests must be able to climb in and out of the aircraft. This tour can accommodate guests with limited mobility or who use a wheelchair with advanced notice. Sturdy, non-skid shoes are recommended. Tour involves approximately 65 minutes of actual flying time and 10 minutes spent at the lake. Although wildlife is commonly seen in this area, sightings cannot be guaranteed. This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 24 hours prior to arrival in the port. Combined passengers total weight cannot exceed 1200lb (544 kg).**

**Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions, as are visibility, views and the route chosen. The pilot's main concern is the passengers' safety, and flights may be cancelled on short notice if prevailing weather conditions are deemed to be unsafe. Please note that for operational reasons there may be changes on the departure times on short notice.**

## **Wildlife Safari & Beach Bonfire | KTN-Z**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.5 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Experience the heart of the Alaskan wilderness from a unique perspective during this panoramic, half-day, wildlife-viewing excursion via boat.

### **Marine Wildlife Cruise,**

Depart the pier for the short walk to your awaiting expedition vessel, then embark the boat and begin your marine wildlife safari. Along the way, your captain utilises his understanding of tides, weather and seasonal evolutions to design an expedition uniquely suited to the day.

As wildlife is spotted, the captain manoeuvres the vessel to provide optimal views, and your expert naturalist explains their fascinating life-cycles and behaviours.

### **Annette Island, Tsimshian Alaska Native Greeting, Rainforest Trek, Surrounding Islands, Bonfire**

Along the way, take a leisurely break from cruising to step ashore on remote Annette Island, the only Native Reserve in Alaska. Upon arrival, you are welcomed by your Tsimshian Alaska Native hosts with a hearty, "La gwelga lak!" ("The fire has been lit!"). This gentle bay area, with a sloping beach fringed with lush vegetation, offers stunning panoramic views of the surrounding islands. During your guided nature walk, take an opportunity to explore the old-growth rainforest, and learn about the intertidal zone and traditional harvesting techniques. Afterward, enjoy an Alaska-style beach bonfire.

### **Alaskan Lunch with Local Specialities, Coastal Cruise**

Whilst your camp hosts tend the fire and tell stories, you can indulge your appetite with a scrumptious feast that includes reindeer sausage hotdogs, kettle chips, salmonberry jam and other local specialities. Drinks include Alaskan amber beer or your choice of wine, soda or juice. Finish your meal with an American classic; roasting marshmallows for s'mores made with locally-sourced chocolate. After lunch, embark the vessel and continue exploring the coastline. Whilst scanning the water for signs of wildlife, enjoy complimentary coffee, tea and hot chocolate. You may also wish to purchase locally-harvested items such as smoked salmon, devil's club tea, pickled bull kelp and salmon jerky. At the conclusion of your cruise, return to the pier, disembark the boat and commence the short walk back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 300 yards (about 274 metres), at times over uneven, natural, and beach surfaces and inclines, with three steps to negotiate to embark/disembark the boat, a tide-variable boat-ramp, five-rung ladder, and eight steps to access the upper-deck on the boat. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to seasickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear warm, comfortable clothing in layers with a hat, gloves, scarf and flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and a weatherproof jacket from the ship. Guests must be at least five years old to participate on this tour. Guests must be at least 21 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Wildlife sightings are not**



**guaranteed. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

**OPTIONAL** Shore Excursions.

Tours and Itineraries are subject to change and availability. Contact Cruise Connections for details and pricing.

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