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## Juneau (Alaska) | Optional Shore Excursions

Extraordinary adventures amid nature's wildest staging await at Juneau. The majestic Mendenhall Glacier sprawls down from Juneau Icefield, which provides an icy cap to the area's rip-roaring scenery. State capitals simply don't get more dramatic than this isolated, remote city lost amid the Alaskan wilds. Even the roads eventually peter out, absorbed by forests and viewpoints, firmly underlining the isolated location, hidden behind an impenetrable wall of rigid mountains. Rise up to Mount Roberts Tramway's viewpoint, to see the city swallowed by this most colossal backdrop. This is glacier country, and no fewer than 38 ice flows branch off from the main Juneau Icefield, slowly carving out valleys in their wakes. Taku Glacier cuts deep into the mountain, forming a colossal sculpture that is one of the world's thickest - almost a mile deep. Mendenhall Glacier cascades down, just 12 miles away from downtown, terminating in its own lake and visitor centre. With 1,500 square miles of ice field to explore, one of the best ways to take in the magnitude and majesty of this epic ice sculpture is to hold on tight as the propeller whirs, and you soar into the skies on an exhilarating sightseeing flight. Cruising up above the icy world that fills in these serrated mountain peaks is a once in a lifetime experience. The animals that inhabit the Southeast Alaskan wilds are just as inspiring as the landscapes – families of bears patrol the riverbanks, bald eagles survey the surroundings watchfully, and Pacific humpbacks migrate from Hawaii's waters to feast on the krill rich, icy waters. Fish for huge catches, power across the ice in a snow-sledge, or kayak just below glaciers. However you choose to immerse yourself in it, Juneau's incredible outdoor adventures never disappoint.

### Taku Glacier via Helicopter and Airboat | JNU-001

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.5 hours

Explore the heart of the Alaskan wilderness from three unique perspectives during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

#### **Juneau City and Ice Field, Helicopter-Ride, Tongass National Forest, Gastineau Channel, Taku River**

Depart the pier for the drive through Juneau City en route to the helicopter base. Upon arrival at the pier, you will receive your pre-flight safety briefing and gear before boarding the helicopter. After lift-off, your helicopter flight-seeing tour begins with a flight high above Juneau, then continues over the Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ice Field, Gastineau Channel and Taku River.

#### **Take Point, Airboat Ride, Taku River and Glacier**

Upon arrival at Taku Point, you are greeted by the staff and provided with flotation jackets, hearing protection and an airboat safety briefing. This is an ideal location to capture photos of the incredible glacier landscape across the river. The captain assists you with embarking the airboat, which is covered for your comfort and protection from the elements, whilst the sides remain open for the best possible views and photo opportunities. During your approximately one-hour airboat adventure along the Taku River, marvel at up-close views of the Taku Glacier whilst cruising the five-mile (about eight-kilometre) terminus of the only advancing glacier of the Juneau Ice Field.

## **Taku Glacier, Taku Point, Helicopter-Ride, Glacier Walk**

While gazing from the river, the immense size of this glacier becomes evident as you zoom by, within arm's reach of the ice. En route, learn about the glacier and river basin it has carved over the years, and stop for photos in various locations. Once back at Taku Point, leave the airboat and re-board the helicopter for a flight to the apex of the Taku Glacier. Upon arrival, step off the helicopter for a guided glacier walk on the amazing, approximately 4,500-foot-thick (about 1,371-metre-thick) ice. This vantage point offers splendid panoramic views and photo opportunities in all directions whilst your pilot shares details about the ice field, and facts specific to the Taku Glacier. Following your visit, re-board the helicopter for the flight back to the base, then re-board your coach for the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 547 yards (about 500 metres), at times over slippery surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to board/de-board the helicopter and embark/disembark the airboat, and few steps to access the helicopter. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to airsickness, guests prone to motion sickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Total amount of time spent on the glacier after the helicopter landing is approximately 20 minutes. 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, a weatherproof jacket and bottled water from the ship; rain pants, over-shoe boots and ear protection are provided. Bags and backpacks are not allowed in the helicopter. Bags and backpacks are not allowed in the helicopter and can be stored at the helicopter base. Use of iPads, selfie sticks or handheld GoPro mounts and drones are not permitted. Guests must be at least seven years old to participate on this tour. A surcharge fee of 150 USD is assessed to guests weighing 250 pounds (about 113 kilograms) or more. Although frequently encountered on this type of tour, wildlife, fish and marine life sightings are not guaranteed. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## **Mendenhall Glacier & Gardens | JNU-002**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 4 hours

From your ship you will enjoy a guided trip along Juneau's historic waterfront in route to one of the only glaciers in Alaska accessible by road - the Mendenhall Glacier. Upon arriving at the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area your guide will give tips and instruction as to maximize your 90 minute self-guided experience at the glacier. At your leisure you can enjoy the various trails in the area - each offering a different view and perspective of the glacier. Make time during your stay to visit the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center for an elevated view of the glacier as well as an educational experience that reveals the surrounding Juneau Ice Field and its 38 glaciers. A short film showing the ice field runs continuously throughout the day.

Next your guide will drive you to another of Juneau's marquee attractions - Glacier Gardens Rainforest Adventure. Here you'll discover how land that was gouged by a mud slide was reclaimed and transformed into a botanical experience that intermingles with Southeast Alaska's temperate rainforest. You'll enjoy a ride through the rainforest in a covered shuttle to the 800 foot level where a boardwalk is situated in the upper canopy offering views of the surrounding islands, waterways, and mountains. From there you'll return to the gardens pavilion for a tea and pastry service and have time to view the gardens botanical features.

It's a short ride back to your ship and downtown Juneau from the Gardens.

**Please Note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 400 feet (120 metres) and at guest discretion at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Centre. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair, however at Glacier Gardens, guest must be able to transfer from a wheelchair to the tram car (collapsible wheelchair can accompany guest in tram car to be used at viewing platform). Ramps and an elevator are available at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Centre. Various mapped trails of all levels are available at guest leisure to explore based on their own abilities. Vehicle with a lift must be requested by emailing [ShoreConcierge@Silversea.com](mailto:ShoreConcierge@Silversea.com) at least 48 hours in advance, otherwise service cannot be guaranteed. Lightweight, comfortable layered clothing, a weatherproof jacket, sturdy closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Local currency and credit cards are accepted.**

## Exclusive Luxury Whale Watch | JNU-003

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 4 hours

Experience the grandeur of Juneau and the Inside Passage in an elegant and exclusive new way during this unforgettable, first-class, half-day excursion.

### **Juneau, Auke Bay, Whale-Watching and Wildlife Adventure via Private Yacht**

Depart the pier in a Mercedes Sprinter for the scenic, narrated drive through downtown Juneau en route to Auke Bay. Upon arrival and after a comfort stop, take a short walk to your awaiting yacht. After receiving your safety and tour instructions, embark your vessel, the only whale-watching private yacht in Alaska, and begin your approximately three-hour whale-watching and wildlife adventure in comfort and style.

### **Expert Guides, Humpback Whales, Orcas, Porpoise, Seals, Sea Lions, Bald Eagles, Seabirds, Bears**

Along the way, your USCG master captain and expert naturalist, both whale experts, take you to the best locations, and share their local knowledge on the area and its wildlife. Marvel at your beautiful surrounds, and look for humpback whales, orcas, porpoise, harbour seals, steller sea lions, bald eagles, seabirds, and even the occasional brown or black bear. Whilst your captain navigates the Inside Passage, your naturalist guide discusses the natural history of southeast Alaska. Enjoy an opportunity to hold real baleen, and learn how to identify individual humpback whales by name.

### **Glaciers, Snow-Capped Mountains, Premium Food/Drink, Brotherhood Bridge, Mendenhall Glacier**

Whilst sailing past a stunning backdrop of glaciers and snow-capped mountains, this first-class, exclusive whale-watching experience indulges you with an elegant selection of refreshments. Included are Alaskan beer, wine, champagne, soft drinks, juice, water, coffee, local salmon dip, a beautiful charcuterie board, and other snacks. With a maximum capacity of eight guests, this crowd-free, exclusive and personal experience is the best way to embrace the grandeur of Alaska. At the conclusion of your tour, return to the pier at Auke Bay. After disembarking the yacht, re-board your Mercedes Sprinter and commence the approximately 40-minute drive back to the pier. En route, ride along Brotherhood Bridge and stop for a photos of the Mendenhall Glacier (weather-permitting).

**Please note: This tour is sold by vessel and charges may be split once on board. The price is per vessel and seats up to 8 guests comfortably.**

**This tour involves a minimal amount of walking for approximately 492 yards (about 450 metres), at times over uneven surfaces and a ramp at the boat harbour, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the yacht. This tour is not suitable for guests prone to seasickness, guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. 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 or boat shoes, and bring sun protection and a weatherproof jacket from the ship. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle/vessel. The price includes yacht, captain and expert guide. Please see the Shore Concierge Desk upon embarkation to confirm all guests in attendance. Although frequently encountered on this type of tour, whale and marine life sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary. This tour operates rain-or-shine, and is only refundable due to weather if cancelled by the tour operator. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## Alaska Culinary Experience & Whale Quest | JNU-004

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 3.5 hours

Following a short motorcoach ride to scenic Auke Bay, you'll board a high-speed expedition vessel custom designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, spacious main cabin as you set out to explore Stephens Passage, a pristine marine wilderness surrounded by snow-capped peaks and glaciers. This area is world-renowned as a favored summer feeding ground for humpback whales.

### **Photographic opportunities, whales, wildlife**

As whales are sighted, your skilled captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing and photographic opportunities. You'll be amazed by the gracefulness of these ocean giants as they slowly arc their massive tail flukes into the air. Bring a warm jacket to wear on the observation deck; the whales are often close enough to hear them breathe. If conditions allow, an underwater hydrophone will be deployed for guests to experience their unique vocalizations. An onboard naturalist will explain the behavior and habitat of the humpback whale and other wildlife you may encounter, including orcas, sea lions, porpoises, harbor seals, bald eagles, and more.

### **Culinary experience**

The culinary experience highlights locally-sourced cuisine. The menu includes dishes such as halibut Olympia, reindeer sausage cassoulet, snow crab cocktails, smoked meat and cheese trays, and locallygrown vegetables. A dessert bar features Alaska wild berry brownies, Alaskan barley chocolate chip cookies, and s'mores\*! Tea, coffee, and cocoa will be served in addition to locally-brewed beer, wine, and sodas.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking, approximately 250 yards (228 metres). It is suitable for guests with limited mobility; however, there is a raised threshold that those utilising a wheelchair would need to cross. Scooters are not permitted. Whale and wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. Complimentary tour-use binoculars are provided. Souvenir route guide is also provided for guests to take home. On board souvenir shop available and accepts USD cash and credit cards.**

**Complimentary light snacks are provided on board however guests may purchase additional snacks on board if needed.**

## Mendenhall Glacier Guides Choice Trail Hike | JNU-007

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 4.5 hours

On this Mendenhall Glacier shore excursion, put on your hiking boots, fill your lungs with fresh air, and experience a day of world-class hiking. The pace will be brisk, the day unforgettable. Cascading waterfalls, quiet forest glens, and breathtaking glacier views are just a few of the treasured places reached only on foot. Along the way your naturalist guide will provide knowledge and perspective on the region's natural and cultural history, and will share some of his or her favorite local stories.

### **Mendenhall Glacier Views**

Your guide will choose from several excellent trails for your Mendenhall Glacier hike, based upon the day's hiking conditions. Weather will be of particular consideration; in this region of mountains and fjords, conditions can vary quickly and dramatically. You may find yourself hiking high above a shimmering glacial lake or along a mossy covered glacier moraine. Explore this lush habitat and learn more about the significance and secrets of the Tongass National Forest.

During much of the hike the views are panoramic, encompassing expanses of glacier-carved wilderness. Wildlife is often sighted, but not guaranteed. There are many opportunities for photography along the trail, and frequent interpretive stops. Join us as we, in the words of John Muir, "climb to the mountains to get their good tidings."

**Please note: This is very strenuous and requires guest able to hike for up to 3.5 hours covering 4-6 miles over an elevation gain from 600-1000ft. Guests with any health issues or recent surgeries should consult their doctor before participating. Participants must sign a waiver. Dress warmly in layers and wear sturdy, comfortable hiking boots. This tour operates in all weather conditions**

## Iditarod Dogs' Summer Camp | JNU-C

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2.25 hours

Travel back in time to relive the spirit of the gold rush with an Iditarod Dog Musher and his team of Alaskan huskies. Drive along Gastineau Channel and into the remote Sheep Creek Valley, arriving at the Sled Dog Summer Camp where you are greeted by Iditarod Musers and their teams of Alaskan huskies.

### **Iditarod Dog Camp**

Join an educational tour of the camp, see a replica of an Iditarod Race checkpoint, and learn how dog care and the dogs' health are a musher's two greatest concerns. One of the highlights of your outing undoubtedly is to experience what it is like to 'mush'. Board a specially-designed wheeled dog cart and mush along a dirt trail behind a team of highly trained Alaskan Huskies for approximately 1.5 miles (2.4 kilometres) through Sheep Creek Valley, surrounded by mountains and the Southeast Alaskan rainforest.

## Musher

Your musher explains the experience and goes through as if you were actually arriving at the checkpoint with him. Visit the puppies and take part in their initial social training. Interactive and interpretive displays of the Alaskan gold rush days and sled dogs, then and now, are placed within walking distance throughout the Camp. Visit your musher's wall tent and learn what it is like to live in the middle of 120 huskies and their puppies.

Afterwards, re-board the coach for the return to the pier and the awaiting ship.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 50 metres (164 feet); however, the pathways at the dog camp are unpaved with a gravel surface. This tour is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair or a walker. Distance between the pier and the camp is an approximate 35 minute drive. Approximately 1 hour is spent at the dog camp with 15-20 minutes allocated for mushing. Dress in layers and bring protective outerwear, a hat, and gloves. This tour does not involve mushing on snow or a glacier. Guests must sign a waiver to participate. Space is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## Discover Alaska's Whales | JNU-D

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 3.75 hours

Experience some of nature's most awe-inspiring treasures during this picturesque, half-day excursion in search of the great humpback whale.

Connect with your professional science guide before departing the pier for the scenic, and fully narrated approximately 30-minute drive north to your awaiting vessel in Auke Bay. Upon arrival, meet your experienced captain, and embark on a custom-designed and fully research permitted vessel. Your vessel features a heated cabin, large panel windows, and an open bow and stern for optimum visibility. Following your introduction cruise through the island-studded waters of Stephens Passage, gaze at the awe-inspiring seascape of snow-capped peaks and ice-blue glaciers.

Along the way, take in spectacular panoramic vistas of your surroundings, and look for humpback whales, orcas, sea lions, harbour seals, and porpoises. Upon spotting a whale, the captain slows down the vessel for exceptional viewing and photo opportunities. These graceful giants are captivating as they arc their massive tails into the air. Humpbacks generally travel and feed individually or in groups of two or three; however, they can be found in groups of four or five and up to 15. If you are lucky, you may see a pod of whales. When conditions allow, the vessels hydrophone can be used to listen to the underwater sounds, whilst an on-board naturalist explains the habits and habitats of the creatures you may encounter (this device is used only when conditions allows).

A \$100 cash refund is provided by the tour operator for all guests at the conclusion of the tour if a whale is not sighted on the trip. All tour participants on this excursion are eligible to enter to win cash prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest. Each guests will receive access to a complimentary digital booklet, "Discover Alaska's Whales" as a mementoof your day.

During your cruise, explore the foundation of the food chain by participating in various experiments and science activities. Draw plankton samples, take a look at live sea animals in a touch tank and even use a GPS-equipped camera to aid in identifying specific whales while recording their varied behaviours. At the conclusion of your epic journey, re-board your coach for the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a minimal amount of walking for approximately 200 yards (about 183 metres), at times on a sloped ramp leading down to the boat harbour docks, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the boat. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Guests are advised to dress comfortably in layers with flat, closed-toe walking or boat shoes, and bring sun protection and raingear from the ship. Binoculars and maps are provided on the vessel. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Approximate time on the water is 2.5 hours. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## Whale Watching & Wildlife Quest | JNU-E

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 4 hours

Embark on a scenic cruise into the Alaskan wilderness that guarantees you will see wildlife, including whales. Travel on a comfortable expedition vessel accompanied by a knowledgeable naturalist and attentive crew, with the opportunity to view and learn about whales, sea lions, porpoise, seals, bald eagles, and other species of wildlife.

Following a fully narrated approximately 30-minute drive north to your awaiting vessel in Auke Bay, board a waterjet-powered expedition vessel specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, spacious main cabin, surrounded by large windows as your experienced captain guides you through the island-studded waters of Stephen's Passage.

Against a majestic backdrop of snow-capped peaks and glaciers, the on-board naturalist explains the behaviour and habitat of wildlife you may encounter including humpback and killer whales, Stellar sea lions, Dall's porpoise, harbour seals, bald eagles, bears, and deer. The operators of this voyage guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark. However, you should not anticipate a refund - in the past ten years, whales have been sighted on every tour.

To fully enjoy the sights and sounds of a close encounter with wildlife, be sure to bring a warm, rainproof jacket to wear on the topside observation deck and remember to bring your camera. Throughout the cruise, your attentive crew offer complimentary snacks and beverages.

Arriving back at the dock in Auke Bay, re-board the coach for the 30-minute return ride to the Juneau pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking, approximately 250 yards (228 metres). It is suitable for guests with limited mobility; however, there is a raised threshold that those utilising a wheelchair would need to cross. Scooters are not permitted. This wildlife sightseeing cruise features guaranteed whale and wildlife sightings. Complimentary tour-use binoculars are provided. Souvenir route guide is also provided for guests to take home. On board souvenir shop available and accepts USD cash and credit cards. Complimentary light snacks are provided on board however guests may purchase additional snacks on board if needed.**

## Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Centre & Mt. Roberts Tramway | JNU-F

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 4 hours



Discover two of Juneau's hallmark attractions; Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Centre and Mount Roberts Tramway, on this half-day sightseeing tour.

Your journey begins with a narrated tour of downtown Juneau and the city's highlights as you make your way to Mendenhall Valley - home of the mighty Mendenhall Glacier.

### **Mendenhall Recreation Area**

Upon arriving at the Mendenhall Recreation area, your guide will point out many of the attractions that you will want to see during your approximate 90-minute stay. Your self-guided tour includes the scenic Photo Point and the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Centre where you will want to take time to watch the short film about the glacier and the 37 other glaciers that make up the Juneau Icefield. The area boasts several self-guided scenic trails that allow you to learn about the role the glacier had in carving the landscape. Each of these trails offers a different view of the Mendenhall through trees or along the shores of Mendenhall Lake.

### **Mount Roberts Tramway**

Next, re-board the vehicle for the short ride to Mount Roberts Tramway and it's terminus at the 1800 foot level of Mount Roberts above downtown Juneau. Enjoy a stroll along an alpine trail and gaze at the vistas and distant waterways and islands. Visit the Nature Centre to learn about the surrounding alpine ecosystem and be sure to stop by the raptor centre. Inside the tram's main building you will enjoy Native arts & crafts and goods for sale. Downstairs in the theatre you can view a local documentary or have a snack or meal at the Timberline Bar & Grill. The Tram will be your last stop; you can visit upon arrival or return later in the day within your time in port. Your ticket is valid for the remainder of the day.

At the conclusion of the tour, if the ship is docked adjacent to the Tram terminal; guests will walk back to the ship. If the ship is berthed elsewhere, transportation will be provided.

**Please Note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 50 yards (46 metres) and up to 1 mile (1609 metres) at guest discretion. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair. Ramps and an elevator are available at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Centre. Various mapped trails of all levels are available at guest leisure to explore based on their own abilities. Vehicle with a lift must be requested by emailing [ShoreConcierge@Silversea.com](mailto:ShoreConcierge@Silversea.com) at least 48 hours in advance, otherwise service cannot be guaranteed. Lightweight, comfortable layered clothing, a weatherproof jacket, sturdy closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Souvenir shops are located in both the recreation area and the tram visitor centre. Local currency and credit cards are accepted.**

## **Mendenhall Glacier & Whale Quest | JNU-G**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 5.25 hours

Explore Alaska's pristine glaciers and marine life via land and sea during this visit to the Mendenhall Glacier, with a three-hour whale quest at Auke Bay. The operators of this voyage guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark. However, you should not anticipate a refund - in the past ten years, whales have been sighted on every tour.



## **Mendenhall Glacier**

Depart the pier for the fully narrated approximately 30-minute drive north to view and photograph the famous Mendenhall Glacier. Upon arrival at the Visitor Centre, learn about the awesome force of glacial ice from Forest Service interpreters and through interactive exhibits. During your visit, some free time is made available for strolling the glacier viewpoint trail and taking photos of your splendid surroundings.

## **Whale Quest via Catamaran**

Leaving the Mendenhall Visitor Centre, proceed on a scenic drive on the Mendenhall Valley en route to Auke Bay. Upon arrival, board a water jet-powered expedition vessel specially designed for wildlife viewing. The spacious vessel is equipped with a restroom; binoculars and souvenir route maps are provided, along with some complimentary snacks and beverages. Additional food, snacks & beverages are available for purchase.

Relax in the warm, comfortable main cabin surrounded by large windows as your experienced captain negotiates through the island-studded waters of Stephen's Passage.

As you take in a majestic backdrop of snow-capped peaks and glaciers, the onboard naturalist explains the behavior and habitat of the wildlife you may encounter, including humpback and killer whales, Stellar sea lions, Dall's porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles, and blacktail deer.

Following your catamaran excursion, re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a walk of about 250 yards (228 meters), with an inclined pathway leading to the Mendenhall Visitor Centre. Guests must be able to embark/disembark the coach via steps. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility but is not recommended for those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to dress warmly in layers, and bring a rainproof jacket and a camera. This tour operator guarantees you will see a whale. \$100 cash refund is furnished upon disembarkation if whales are not sighted. Don't count on it, though! In 10+ years, whales have been sighted every time. Although the other wildlife mentioned is commonly seen in this area, sightings cannot be guaranteed. Complimentary tour-use binoculars are available on board the catamaran as well as a take home souvenir route guide. There is a small souvenir shop on board the vessel, USD and credit cards are accepted. Sites visited may vary.**

## **Pilot's Choice Glacier Exploration | JNU-H**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 2.75 hours

Soar high above lush rain forest, spectacular deep valleys, and awe-inspiring peaks in a helicopter, landing at two different locations on this premier flightseeing adventure.

### **Helicopter Flight**

From the pier, a van transfers you to the heliport where upon arrival there is a safety briefing and the issuance of glacier boots. Once aloft, your helicopter pilot takes you to sights he usually keeps to himself - discover places like Wonder Land, a jewel-like offshoot of Herbert Glacier, Glacier King, the Mendenhall Towers or Devil's Paw. We encourage you to bring your camera to capture photos of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Your itinerary is chosen based on weather and glacial conditions. Throughout the journey, come to understand the geological and environmental process at work in this fascinating wilderness. On your return flight to Juneau, enjoy once again the breath-taking scenery over the icefield and mountains. Once back on 'terra firma', pause for refreshments before boarding the van for your return to the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 328 feet (100 metres) however guests must be able to get in and out of the helicopter via 2-3 steps that are 18 inches (45.72 centimetres) high. Guests able to walk on the glacier do so at their discretion; the surface is possibly uneven, snowy or slippery terrain made of glacier ice. For safety reasons, guests with limited mobility must remain on board the aircraft during the glacier landing stops. Operation of this tour is weather dependent and may be cancelled on short notice. The total flight time is approximately 50 minutes, with approximately 15 minutes spent on each of the two landings. These times will vary depending on weather and glacial conditions. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as individual safety and comfort, passengers dressed in outdoor gear and weighing 250 pounds (113 kilograms/18 stone) or more will be charged an additional surcharge of \$100 to reserve adequate space on board the helicopter. Seating is based on weight distribution and is assigned at the sole discretion of the helicopter operator. Children between 13 and 17 years of age who are traveling without a parent or guardian must provide a written consent form in order to participate. Children under 12 are required to have a parent or guardian. For security purposes the following items are not allowed on the flight: purses, bags, I-Pads, tablets, GoPro cameras or selfie sticks. A secure place is provided at the site to store personal items. You should dress in layers for the varying weather conditions including a hat and gloves and bring sunglasses; umbrellas are not permitted. Glacier boots are provided. Space is extremely limited; we suggest you book 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.**

## Whale & Mendenhall Glacier Photo Safari | JNU-L

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 5 hours

If you love photography, do not miss this memorable photo safari by land and sea lead by a naturalist/photographer guide.

Depart the pier via minivan shuttle with your naturalist/photographer for an opportunity to capture Alaska's scenic beauty on camera. Regardless of your skill-level or camera type, your photography instructor offers expert natural history interpretation, along with tips and techniques to enhance your images.

### **Safari Vessel Cruise**

Upon arrival, get up close and personal with the natural environment during an unforgettable trip through the waterways of Stephens Passage aboard a covered safari vessel. Large panel windows provide unrestricted panoramic views, whilst the boat captain safely manoeuvres to give you the best photographic angles. The sheltered cabin has padded arm rests that fold over the sills to provide a steady platform for photographing marine life and shoreline activity.

During your cruise, you may see humpback whales, sea lions, orcas, harbour seals, porcupines, eagles, or salmon. Your guide will help you to take full advantage of the day's opportunities. Each guest will

receives a complimentary frameable postcard with instructions to access exclusive online photography tutorials, slideshows, historical images and a printable tip sheet. All content is free and downloadable to any device.

Whale sightings are 100 % guaranteed and a cash refund is provided by the tour operator for all guests at the conclusion of the tour if whales are not sighted on the trip. All tour participants on this excursion are eligible to enter to win cash prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest.

Enjoy a hearty snack en route to the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area where your tour will continue.

### **Mendenhall Glacier**

Next, take a guided walk along a scenic nature trail. Walk an easy permitted trail through the shelter of the Tongass National Forest to photograph the signs of glaciation. This gentle walk also passes beaver dams, salmon streams, and remarkable glacial panoramas; sites to inspire your creative photography.

Your guide may choose from a variety of destinations and utilises a flexible itinerary that allows for changing light and weather conditions.

Your tour concludes with a transfer back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, approximately .75 miles (1.2 kilometres) on an improved gravel trail. There is a variable sloped ramp leading to the safari vessel dock. Guests with limited mobility can omit the trek portion of the tour and may remain with the driver or visit the Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Centre for approximately one hour. This tour is not suitable for those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests must be able to meet the physical requirements of the tour. All guests must sign a waiver attesting to their physical and medical conditions to participate. Dress warmly in layers, as the tour operates in all weather conditions; rain gear, walking sticks, camera towels are provided. Bottled water and a snack pack are included. The tour sequence may vary. Bring a camera with plenty of film or memory and batteries. Group size is very limited to 14 guests or less to ensure a comfortable and interactive atmosphere; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Approximate time on the water is 2.25 hours.**

## **Heli-Flight & Mendenhall Glacier Walk | JNU-N**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 2.25 hours

Experience the world-famous Mendenhall Glacier from a unique perspective during a scenic helicopter flight, and an opportunity to set foot on this immense 'river of ice'.

Depart the pier for the transfer to the heliport. After receiving your safety briefing and glacier boots, board your modern turbine helicopter. After lift-off, the narrated flight proceeds over the alpine ridges, twisted ice spires, and deep crevasses that dominate the lower Mendenhall Glacier.

Gaining altitude, you may pass the Mendenhall Towers, rock sentinels that rise 7,000 feet (2,133 metres), and spectacular icefalls where the Juneau Icefield overflows to shape the Mendenhall Glacier. After setting down, leave the aircraft and venture out for a guided stroll on the ice. Along the way, your experienced guide will inform you about the glacier's surface and how glaciers form, flow, and contour the landscape.

Following your visit, re-board the helicopter for the narrated flight back to Juneau and take in more spectacular views of the Mendenhall Glacier and the unparalleled beauty of Alaska along the way.

Upon arrival back at the heliport, your tour concludes with a transfer to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 100 metres (328 feet); however, guests must be able to climb in and out of the helicopter via two 18-inch (45.72 cm) steps. The walk on the glacier involves uneven, potentially slippery terrain. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Operation of this tour is weather dependent and it may be cancelled on short notice. The total flight time is approximately 30 minutes, with approximately 20-25 minutes spent on the glacier. These times will vary depending on weather and glacial conditions. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as individual safety and comfort, passengers dressed in outdoor gear and weighing 250 pounds (113 kilograms/18 stone) or more will be charged an additional \$100 to reserve adequate space on board the helicopter. Seating is based on weight distribution and is assigned at the sole discretion of the helicopter facility. Children between 13 and 17 years of age who are traveling without a parent or guardian must provide a written consent form in order to participate. Children under 12 are required to have a parent or guardian. For security purposes, no bags, I-Pads/tablets, selfie sticks or GoPro cameras are allowed on the flight. A secure place is provided at the site headquarters to store personal items. You should dress in layers, including a hat and gloves, for the varying weather conditions and bring sunglasses; umbrellas are not permitted. Glacier boots are provided. Space is extremely limited; we suggest you book 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.**

## Helicopter Glacier Walkabout | JNU-Q

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Extensive | Duration: 3.25 hours

Discover the diversity of the Southeast Alaska landscape via helicopter as you fly over the temperate rainforests and granite peaks that surround the Juneau Icefield, then land on a glacier for a walkabout and put the grandeur of the glacier at your feet.

### Helicopter Flight

Begin your adventure with a short van transfer from the ship to the heliport for the flight to the glacier. Your pilot will choose a landing site on one of the 36 glaciers of this 1,500 square-mile (2,400 squarekilometres) ice field.

### Interpretive Walk

On this non-strenuous, one-hour interpretive walk, your guide provides detailed explanations of glacier environments and allow ample time for photo opportunities. Rain and wind proof outerwear, glacierspiked boots, and gloves are provided for your comfort whilst on the ice. Trekking poles and crampons will provide superb balance and traction, enabling you to travel easily on the gently rolling glacial terrain.

Re-board your helicopter for the 10-minute flight back to the heliport to de-gear. The van then returns you to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of exertion during the one-hour walk on the glacier's surface. It is less strenuous than the Glacier Trek; however, the surface may be very icy and the nature of the terrain varies. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests must be a minimum of 8 years of age and sign a waiver attesting to their physical and medical conditions to participate. Guests between 12 and 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bags and backpacks are not allowed in the helicopter.**

**Use of iPads, selfie sticks or handheld GoPro mounts are not permitted inside the heli or on the ice while trekking for guests comfort and safety. Flight time is approximately 30 minutes; seating is at the pilot's discretion. Due to flight weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, passengers dressed in outdoor gear weighing 250 pounds (113 kilograms or 18 stone) or more will be charged an additional \$120 to reserve adequate space on board the helicopter. Rain and windproof jackets and pants, boots with crampons, trekking poles, and gloves are provided. Dress in warm layers and wear mid-calf length socks and sunglasses. Space is extremely limited; we suggest you book 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.**

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## **Glacier View Sea Kayaking | JNU-R**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 3.5 hours

Learn to handle a kayak from an expert, and then put your new skills to use with an unforgettable seaborne adventure as you glide through the waters native-style. Get up-close looks at wildlife and enjoy ever-changing views of the Mendenhall Glacier in the distance and get a sense of the experience that greeted the Aleut Indians as they travelled these waters two centuries ago.

Transfer by bus to North Douglas Island for scenic views of the Mendenhall Glacier in the distance. Upon arrival be outfitted in life jackets and raingear before beginning your adventure. Learn paddling techniques from your experienced guide before settling into a 2-person kayak for 1.5 to 2 hours of guided sea kayaking and an informative tour of Fritz Cove. In small groups of six kayakers you are able to stealthily approach wildlife. Bald eagles and their nests, herons, shore birds and waterfowl are all common sights. Porpoises and even humpback whales occasionally surface for air. You may see a humpback's enormous tail fluke. You will also visit the Mendenhall Wetlands, a protected habitat teeming with more than 140 species of birds, nearly a dozen different mammals and an abundance of marine life.

Along the way, learn about local flora and fauna from your guide who will also explain the history behind landmarks such as Smuggler's Cove.

Then board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

**Please note: This tour is recommended only for guests in good physical condition and requires up to 120 minutes of paddling. Although a minimal amount of walking is required, guests must be able to climb into the kayak. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Tour is conducted in 2-person kayakers in groups of up to 6 kayakers. We suggest you dress in layers and wear footwear that can get wet; rain gear is provided. Bring gloves and an extra pair of socks. Guests must weigh between 40 and 275 pounds (18-124 kilograms / 3-19 stone) or fit in a cockpit that is 17 inches x 17 inches (43 centimetres) and sign a waiver to participate. Although commonly observed on this type of excursion, wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children 13 to 17 years must have a signed parental consent form to participate without the parent or guardian. Space is limited.**

## Mendenhall Glacier Float Trip | JNU-S

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 3.5 hours

Discover the fun of whitewater rafting on an exciting, yet gentle Mendenhall River excursion that is perfect for rafters of all ages and levels of experience.

Begin with a scenic tour up the Mendenhall Valley. On the shores of Mendenhall Lake, don protective raingear and life jackets, and board your paddle raft. Each holds up to twelve, and is steered by an experienced guide while you assist with paddling.

Glide across the iceberg-studded lake, marvelling at the mile-wide glacier, and set course downstream. The six-mile route combines meandering stretches with Class II and III whitewater. The rapids are perfectly safe, just exciting enough for beginners, and appropriate for all ages. Encounter river features such as Moon Flats and Pin Ball Alley. Watch for the photographer on shore who snaps your picture, capturing the thrill of your adventure, yours to keep as a memento of your rafting adventure.

Where the river levels out, soak in the views of the riverbank, lush forests and 7,000-foot high mountains above the valley floor. Learn about the natural history of the river. Be on the lookout for bald eagles, black bears, otters and seals, and salmon during spawning season.

At the haul-out, celebrate with an Alaskan-style snack. Don't forget to pick up your souvenir photo, included as part of your tour.

**Please note: This tour is recommended for guests in good physical condition and requires upper body strength and physical exertion for an extended period. Guests must weigh between 50 and 350 pounds (approximately 22-158 kilograms/3.5-25 stone) and sign a waiver to participate. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress in layers and bring an extra pair of socks and gloves; protective outerwear is provided. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children 13 to 17 years must have a signed parental consent form to participate without the parent or guardian. The sighting of wildlife cannot be guaranteed.**

## Helicopter Glacier Trek | JNU-T

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 4.25 hours

Alaska is beautiful, yet largely inaccessible. To truly appreciate and experience this incredible land, one must take to the air, soar among the peaks, and ultimately land in a remote setting. Explore the wonders of Juneau's Icefield glaciers by air and then up-close on this helicopter flight and glacier trek.

A short van transfer takes you from the ship to the heliport. Here, meet your guide and listen to a safety briefing before being outfitted with your mountaineering equipment for this world-class adventure: rain and wind-proof outerwear, mountaineering boots, crampons, harness, gaitors, helmet, hip pack, gloves, and an ice axe. Board your modern turbine helicopter and soar over the glaciers of the Juneau Icefield.

This magnificent flight over lush rain forest, granite peaks, and glacier provides extraordinary photo opportunities. After 15-20 minutes aloft, touch down for this unique glacier experience, as your guide leads you on a two-hour trekking adventure. No experience is necessary and your guide will teach you the proper use of the mountaineering gear so that you can access and explore some of the glacier's remote areas. Your trek is interspersed with detailed explanations of the glacier environment and surrounding area. At the end of your hike, your helicopter awaits to lift-off for the 10-minute flight back to the heliport.

After you disembark the aircraft and de-gear, the van returns you to the pier and the ship.

**Please note: This tour is recommended only for those guests who are physically fit; walking is over varied terrain. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, poor coordination, balance and stability problems, or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests must be a minimum of 12 years of age and sign a waiver attesting to their physical and medical conditions to participate. Total flying time is approximately 30 minutes and 2 hours is spent trekking on the glacier. Mountaineering gear as described is provided. Dress in warm layers and wear mid-calf length socks and sunglasses. Bags and backpacks are not allowed in the helicopter. Use of iPads, selfie sticks and handheld GoPro mounts are not permitted inside the heli or on the ice while trekking for guests comfort and safety. Due to flight weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, passengers dressed in outdoor gear weighing 250 pounds (113 kilograms or 18 stone) or more will be charged an additional USD100.00 to reserve adequate space on board the helicopter. Seating is based on weight distribution and is assigned at the pilot's discretion. Space is extremely limited; we suggest you book in advance to**



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## Whales & Wilderness Exploration by Private Boat | JNU-X

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 3.75 hours

This private tour was designed especially for families or groups travelling together who desire the privacy of an exclusive whale watching tour and the flexibility to add other dimensions, customising their experience.

This exploratory journey through coastal fiords introduces you to Alaska's rugged wilderness in an intimate setting with a certified naturalist guide and a seasoned captain piloting your private vessel.

### **Private Safari Vessel**

Depart the pier for the 30-minute transfer to Auke Bay harbour, where your custom-built exploration vessel awaits. The boat utilised offers a covered, heated cabin with perimeter seating for up to 20, restroom facilities, and large panel windows that open to provide unrestricted views. Its open bow, onboard binoculars, and hydrophone, for listening to the underwater sounds of whales, are why we guarantee you will see a whale or receive a \$100 per person refund.

### **Stephen's Passage**

Explore for approximately 2.5 hours the glacially-carved waterways of the Stephen's Passage. Southeast Alaska is a spectacular place of islands, glaciers, and jagged mountain peaks and these stunning features cradle diverse natural habitats that are home to fascinating animals. Search out wildlife viewing opportunities, including humpback whales, Orca or killer whales, Steller sea lions, porpoise and much more. Often sighted are bald eagles and ravens soaring gracefully above the treetops, and sea ducks and harbour seals near the shoreline of the famed Admiralty Island National Monument, also known as 'the fortress of bears'. A hearty snack pack and bottled water is available during your tour.

Afterwards, the captain returns you to Auke Bay harbour for the return transfer to Juneau and the ship.

**Please note: The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle/vessel.**

**Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. The private vessel is for up to 6 guests. The price includes vessel, captain, and a certified naturalist guide. Larger vessels with maximum capacity of 20 guests available on request basis for an additional cost of \$189.00 per person for 7th to 20th guest confirmed. Please see the Shore Concierge Desk upon embarkation to confirm all guests in attendance. Some walking is required, approximately 100 yards (100 metres) down a variable sloped ramp to the boat harbour. This tour is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair however it is suitable for guests with limited mobility. Guests must sign a waiver to participate. Tour-use binoculars & a map are available on the vessel. Dress in layers; this tour operates rain or shine and is only refundable due to weather if cancelled by the tour operator. Availability is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment. Approximate time on the vessel is 2.5 hours.**

### **OPTIONAL Shore Excursions.**

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