

## 4 Glacier Adventure by Helicopter With Landing



Approximately 2 Hours



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4.7 out of 5

Value



4.4 out of 5

17 out of 20(85%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Soar over the massive **Juneau Icefield** on this signature tour -- the Glacier Adventure by Helicopter. Visit a landscape that seems to be from another world. Experience the spectacular icefalls and rock formations of the Juneau Icefield from the air and on foot. Accessible only by air, the region you'll fly to is filled with lush forests, glassy alpine lakes, jagged mountain peaks, and awe-inspiring glaciers.

On this unforgettable journey you may find **Alaska's magnificent glaciers** in differing stages: advancing, retreating, cascading, or a one-of-a-kind floating glacier. You'll be amazed by the largest glacier on the Juneau Icefield -- the advancing Taku Glacier. After the flightseeing, your pilot will gently set you down on one of these ancient 'rivers of ice'.

Under your pilot's expert guidance you will have the chance to **walk on an Alaskan glacier**, explore the ancient landscape, and experience the otherworldly blue of glacial ice. Enjoy approximately 30 to 35 minutes of helicopter time and 25 to 30 minutes of exploration on the glacier.

Notes:

Overboots are provided for glacier landings. Minimum age is 2 years. Every guest on helicopter tours will be weighed during the check-in process. Guests weighing 240 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. The tour operator will endeavor to be discreet during this process but please be aware that individual circumstances may not allow for complete privacy. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Flight time, route and time on glacier may vary due to weather conditions. Carry-on bags are not allowed and there is limited secure storage at the heliport. iPads, iPad minis, tablets, drones and Go-Pro sticks or other extendable items are not permitted on tour. Aircraft fly no higher than 5,000 feet. Oxygen for personal use is allowed but must be in the form of an FAA-approved portable oxygen concentrator that can be secured to the user's body.

## Alaska Salmon Bake



Approximately 1½ - 2 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3 out of 5

Value



2.8 out of 5

11 out of 22(50%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This excursion has been grilled to perfection for nearly 40 years. Listen to Alaska-style folk music while you dine under translucent, heated domes shielding you from the elements.

Enjoy an **all-you-can-eat salmon bake feast**. Savor Alaskan-caught wild salmon barbecued over an open alderwood fire served with a tasty secret sauce and accompanied by parmesan chicken, cheesy au gratin potatoes, baked beans with reindeer sausage, wild-rice pilaf, a variety of salads, cornbread, lemonade, coffee, tea, hot apple cider, hot chocolate as well as blueberry cake for dessert. Beer, wine and soda are available for purchase.

Stroll through the woods and roast marshmallows over the campfire after your meal.

Take the short **walk** along Salmon Creek -- a salmon spawning stream -- to a waterfall where you can also explore the remains of the historic Wagner Mine and try your hand at **gold panning**. Shuttle buses run regularly; return to the pier at your leisure.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair due to uneven terrain at the salmon bake. Bring a warm jacket. Restrooms are available on site.

## Alaska's Ultimate Canopy and Zip-Line Expedition



Approximately 3¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.9 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5

19 out of 19(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Enter the Fly-Zone. This **eco-adventure** combines the thrill of gliding above the treetops in a rich rain forest on more than 6,000 feet of **dual-cable zip-lines**, suspension bridges, and a ground-based trail network.

At the outfitting base camp in the forest, your trained guide will outfit you with state-of-the-art safety equipment and provide a detailed safety briefing.

Hop into a **Mercedes Unimog 4x4 all-terrain vehicle** to ride up the densely forested hillside to the first zip line tree platform. This is your introduction to nearly a mile of dual high-tension cables, linking a network of platforms mounted high in carefully selected old-growth spruce trees.

Your guide will progressively ease you into the forest canopy along ten zip-lines. Cross two aerial suspension bridges, with breathtaking views of spectacular Bullion Creek, and enjoy unique views of Juneau from the treetops.

Discover the hidden ruins of the historic Treadwell Mine (operated 1881-1917), one of the world's largest gold mines, and zip over a 150-foot-deep 'glory hole'. From above, see the ruins of the original mine refinery, where millions of dollars' worth of molten gold was poured into ingot molds. Throughout this award-winning, nature-based adventure, the sights and sounds of Alaska's rain forest will surround you. The last zip-line takes you to a final platform to experience the thrill of **rappelling** into base camp. Back on *terra firma* you will receive a light **snack** and be presented with a custom-cast Alaska Canopy Adventures medal in recognition of your achievement.

Notes:

Minimum height is 60 inches. Minimum weight is 80 lbs; maximum weight is 250 lbs. Full use of limbs is required. Pregnant women or guests with injuries, seizure disorders, back or neck problems, or hearing or vision impairments are not allowed to participate. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Waiver

must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and layered clothing. Rain jacket provided.

## Bear Watching & Wildlife Viewing Adventure



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.5 out of 5

Value



4 out of 5

3 out of 3(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Join this unforgettable journey to view coastal brown bear and other Alaskan wildlife in a natural setting. Your exploration begins with an Alaska bush pilot, who will transport you on a breathtaking scenic flight from the base in Juneau to **a remote stream**, providing unique access to brown bear territory. The landing site selected each trip is based on the best chance for sightings on that day.

Once you arrive, your local guide/naturalist will provide a narrative of the local history and insight into the wildlife and their habitat that surrounds you. The object of the tour is to get you **up close with the wildlife** while staying a respectful distance from the animals to maintain their wild behavior and your safety as they go about their routine.

Photographers and nature enthusiasts will marvel at this opportunity to discover the unexpected -- a once-in-a-lifetime experience that allows a rare look into the world of one of the grand and majestic animals of the great Alaskan wilderness.

Notes:

Minimum age is 8 years. Aircraft fly no higher than 3,000 feet. Oxygen for personal use is allowed but must be in the form of an FAA approved portable oxygen concentrator that can be secured to the user's body. Participants must be able to fit into waders (size 4 to 15) and be able to negotiate uneven terrain.

Bear and other wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Best of Juneau! Whale Watching Quest, Mendenhall Glacier & Orca Point Lodge



Approximately 6¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.5 out of 5

Value



4.4 out of 5

46 out of 51(90%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Experience Juneau's highlights on this ultimate combination tour.

Start with a visit to the **Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center** to see Alaska's best-known river of ice, talk with Forest Service interpreters and, through interactive exhibits, learn about the awesome force of glaciers.

Take a motor coach ride to scenic **Auke Bay** and board a **water-jet-powered catamarans** specifically designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable cabin surrounded by large windows as you ply the island-studded waters of **Stephens Passage**. This area is world-renowned as a favored summer feeding ground for **humpback whales**. Once whales have been sighted, your captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing and photo opportunities as these graceful ocean giants slowly arc their massive tail flukes into the air. The whales are often close enough to hear them breathe. An **on-board naturalist** will explain the behavior and habitat of the humpback whale and **other wildlife** you may encounter, including killer whales, Steller sea lions, Dall's porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles and Sitka black-tail deer.

Take a break from cruising to step ashore at **Orca Point Lodge** on Colt Island to enjoy a **feast** that includes fresh grilled wild Alaska salmon, chicken kebabs, vegetable medley, rice pilaf, coleslaw, fresh

rolls and dessert. The lodge offers peaceful seclusion with modern comforts in a remote wilderness setting.

Visit the marine life touch pool or take a stroll along the beach before the return cruise to Auke Bay.

Notes:

Bring a warm jacket to wear on the topside observation deck. The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. In the past 15 years, whales have been sighted on every tour. The vessel is restroom-equipped. Restrooms are available at all venues. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair due to the number of stops requiring (dis)embarkation of transportation equipment and uneven terrain.

### Bike & Brew Glacier View



Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.2 out of 5

Value



3.6 out of 5

12 out of 13(92%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Enjoy this value priced excursion with three experiences in one tour -- biking, visiting the Mendenhall Glacier and tasting Alaskan microbrewery beers. More than just a bike ride, this excursion offers you a chance to experience the beauty that surrounds Juneau at a slower pace with a friendly, knowledgeable, local guide.

On the **van ride** to the bike departure point, you will hear about Juneau's history and some interesting information about the city and its surroundings.

Gear up with a **road bike and helmet**, and listen to a safety briefing. You'll set out from Auke Lake and watch for memorable glacier views.

Stop at the **Chapel-by-the-Lake** -- a lovely old log chapel with a spectacular view of Auke Lake and Mendenhall Glacier in the background.

Continue along the Juneau road system and bike path to the west side of **Mendenhall Glacier**, for a **beach stop**. At the visitor area on the east side of Mendenhall Glacier you will ride along a one-mile trail through the **rain forest**.

Next, travel by van to **Merchants Wharf** -- an old seaplane hangar in downtown Juneau and a landmark in aviation history. Here, you will **taste award-winning beers** from microbreweries around Alaska.

Notes:

The ride covers approximately 8 miles on a mostly flat road with some rolling hills. Minimum age is 10 years. Minimum age to participate in the beer tasting is 21 years, with photo ID showing date of birth. Minimum height is 56 inches. Guests who are pregnant may participate during the first trimester only. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

### Custom - Town, Tram & Timberline Trek



Approximately 2½ Hours



N/A



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This short but scenic tour is a triple delight. Your exploration begins with a narrated drive through the historic downtown Juneau waterfront. Afterwards, you will arrive at the base of the Mount Roberts Tram for a smooth, aerial ride 1,800 feet above the city. Your naturalist guide will lead you through the quiet solitude of the lush alpine meadows, and the splendor of the mountain panorama. You will learn about the edible and practical uses of the many plants within this temperate hinterland. This fun outing makes a stop at the Alpine Tea House where you will have the opportunity to sample a variety of genuine made in Alaska products created from the bounty of the rainforest. After a short presentation the tour concludes and you will have the opportunity to visit the Nature Center's interpretive exhibits and the mountain's other attractions. Your tram ticket is good all day!

Note: Tour operates in all weather; wear sturdy shoes suitable for walking and dress warmly in layers. Tour ends at the top of the mountain. The route on the trail is chosen based on the ability of the group and the conditions of the day. Participants must be in good health and be able to walk about 1/2 mile at a leisurely pace. Each participant is eligible to enter to win cash prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest and receives a 15% discount on all products at the Nature Center.

## Discover Alaska's Whales



Approximately 3¾ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.7 out of 5

19 out of 21(90%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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What a great way to put into practice your personal travel ethos and leave beautiful, memorable Alaska even better than you found it on this **Cruise with Purpose adventure!**

This **small-group outing** (maximum 20 privileged guests) will travel aboard a fully-permitted **research vessel** for a closer look into the habitat of **humpback whales**. The boat has a heated cabin, a low-to-the-water build, large opening panel windows, and an open bow and stern -- features specifically designed to meet the challenges of observing wildlife here in Alaska.

As you head out from the quaint harbor at Auke Bay, your guide will share the current understanding of humpback whale research and what is known about activities and feeding patterns here in Alaska. **Whale sightings are guaranteed**, and you're also likely to see seals, porpoise, sea lions and other marine animals, all while doing some significant good as you contribute to a whale research program.

You'll explore the foundation of the food chain by drawing plankton samples, taking a look at live sea animals in a touch tank and using a GPS camera to identify whale species while recording their various behaviors.

You will also have the satisfaction of being a marine scientist for a day and knowing your efforts have made a contribution to understanding the delicate marine environs of Southeast Alaska and the whales' interaction with their habitat.

Notes:

All activities on this tour are operated by permit and regulation through the ADFG and NOAA in support of the University of Alaska and the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program. You will receive a \$100



cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour if a whale is not sighted on the trip. The small group size of this tour ensures a personal and interactive atmosphere making the most of this authentic Alaska experience. Participants should be of age and ability to walk up to 200 yards, including down a sloped ramp to the boat harbor, and back. Dress warmly in layers -- it can be cooler on the water. Binoculars are available for your use. Bottled water and a snack pack are provided. Tour operates in all weather conditions. Participants are eligible to enter to win cash prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

### Dog Sledding Adventure by Helicopter



Approximately 2½ - 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



4.8 out of 5

24 out of 24(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This truly Alaskan adventure offers the rare opportunity to **mush your own dog sled team** across a **snow-covered glacier**.

Helicopter to an exclusive **dog sled camp** is located on the picturesque middle branch of the **Norris Glacier**. On your way there, you will be amazed by a beautiful heli-flightseeing trip over the vast **Juneau Icefield**. Keep an eye out for the largest glacier on the Icefield -- the advancing Taku Glacier. View

spectacular icefalls, rock formations, and untamed wilderness. Accessible only by air, this region is filled with lush forests, glassy alpine lakes, jagged mountain peaks, and awe-inspiring glaciers. From here, it all goes to the dogs -- you'll land at the dog-sledding base on the glacier and learn the tricks of the trade from seasoned veterans of the legendary Iditarod Race. Master the all-important commands of Hike! Gee! and Haw! Then, armed with your new vocabulary, experience the thrill of zipping across a pristine glacier pulled a team of friendly huskies. There may be no better way to enjoy the fresh mountain air and scenic vistas.

Enjoy approximately 30 to 35 minutes of helicopter time and one hour at the dog base.

Notes:

A veteran dog sled musher will lead you on your sled adventure. Overboots are provided for glacier landings. Minimum age is 2 years. All guests are required to weigh-in at the heliport. Guests weighing 240 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. The tour operator will endeavor to be discreet during the weighing process but please be aware that individual circumstances may not allow for complete privacy. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Tour operates subject to meeting a minimum number of participants. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Flight time, route and time on glacier may vary due to weather conditions. Carry-on bags are not allowed and there is limited secure storage at the heliport. iPads, iPad minis, tablets, drones and Go-Pro Sticks or other extendable items are not permitted on tour. Aircraft fly no higher than 5,000 feet. Oxygen for personal use is allowed but must be in the form of an FAA-approved portable oxygen concentrator that can be secured to the user's body.

### Dog Sledding on the Mendenhall Glacier by Helicopter



Approximately 2¾ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.4 out of 5

20 out of 21(95%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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When you visit Southeast Alaska and combine the thrill of a **glacier helicopter tour** with the oldest operating **dog sled tour** company, you end up with an unforgettable experience.

Listen to a safety briefing and gear up with glacier boots; then, fly over lush rain forest, deep blue crevasses and glacier-carved peaks as your pilot gives you a spectacular flightseeing tour to the **dogsled camp** on Mendenhall Glacier.

Professional mushers will have you help **drive the team** or relax in the sled as you take in the awe-inspiring scenery. You will have time to talk with the mushers or take pictures with the dogs before your helicopter takes you back to base and civilization.

Don't miss out on this truly Alaskan experience.

Notes:

Tablets, iPads, Go-Pro Sticks, and Drones are not allowed on the flights to ensure a full field of vision for pilots and guests alike. Wear warm clothing and sunglasses. Glacier boots are provided. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. Time spent on the glacier is approximate and may vary due to weather and glacial conditions. All times are approximate. For security purposes, no bags are allowed on the flight. A secure location will be provided at the heliport for storing personal items. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Evening Whale Watching Quest



Approximately 3½ Hours



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 Enjoyed it?



4 out of 5  
Value



3.8 out of 5

16 out of 20(80%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Enjoy a magical evening cruise that features great food, a relaxing ambience and **guaranteed whale viewing**.

A short motor coach ride brings you to scenic **Auke Bay**, where you'll board a **deluxe catamaran** specially 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**. As whales are sighted, your skilled captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing opportunities. You'll be amazed by the gracefulness of these ocean giants as they slowly arc their massive tail flukes into the air. The whales are often close enough to hear them breathe.

If conditions allow, an underwater hydrophone will be deployed so that you can experience their incredible 'singing'.

An **on-board naturalist** will explain the behavior and habitat of the humpback whale, and other wildlife you may encounter, including killer whales, sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals and bald eagles.

Throughout the voyage you'll be treated to a delicious variety of **appetizers** including a baron of beef, reindeer sausage, smoked salmon, cheese and vegetable trays, hot shrimp dip, dessert bars and pastries. Tea, coffee and cocoa will be served. Beer, wine and sodas are available at an additional charge.

Notes:

Bring a warm jacket to wear on the topside observation deck. The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. In the past 15 years, whales have been sighted on every tour. This tour is only available on ships staying in Juneau for the evening. The vessel is restroom-equipped.

## Five Glacier Seaplane Exploration



Approximately 1¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.5 out of 5

Value



4.2 out of 5

**23** out of **25(92%)** reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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The grandeur of Alaska's epic glaciers will thrill and delight you on Juneau's only five-glacier flightseeing tour. Seeing glaciers from the air is an Alaskan must-do, and doing so by authentic Alaskan seaplane is the quintessential Alaskan experience. One of the most important modes of transportation in Alaska is the seaplane (also known as a **floatplane**), allowing you to escape into the true Alaskan wilderness within minutes of leaving the ship.

Your own seaplane exploration begins as your aircraft gently takes off from the historic downtown Juneau waterfront, carrying you over the remnants of Juneau's mining past.

You will soar over lush wilderness of the Tongass National Forest to catch your first glimpse of five distinctly different, absolutely majestic glaciers making up a section of the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Ice Field. Glide over the deep crevasses and azure blue meltwater pools of the Norris, Hole-In-The-Wall, East and West Twin Glaciers, plus the famous five-mile-wide Taku Glacier. Of the 36 named glaciers comprising the Juneau Ice Field, the Taku Glacier is the only glacier that is actually advancing -- not retreating -- and indeed is one of only a few advancing glaciers in the world.

Notes:

All participants enjoy a window seat for enhanced viewing and a headset for continuous narration.

Narration can be provided in writing during the flight for the following languages: Mandarin, Spanish, Catalan, German, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese, Italian and French.

## Fly-Out Fly Fishing Adventure



Approximately 5½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.6 out of 5

Value



4.4 out of 5

9 out of 10(90%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Untouched Alaskan **wilderness** awaits you on this premier **fly-fishing** quest.

Combine the highlights of Southeast Alaska with a ride in a **classic floatplane**, world-renowned fishing in remote waters, experienced local guides and abundant wildlife in a pristine wilderness setting.

This guided service caters to the **first-timer** with hands-on instruction. The **experienced fly caster** will enjoy the challenge of Alaskan fishing and the guide interaction. All fishing is done on a **catch-and-release** basis. Depending on the season and availability, fishing species may include cutthroat trout, Dolly Varden and various salmon species. All first-class gear and equipment is provided, and an **Alaskan smoked salmon snack** and beverages are included.

The only way to experience Alaskan fishing at its finest is to experience the heart of the Alaskan wilderness -- something road access simply doesn't allow. Your guide will choose the **stream- or river-fishing location** based on current fishing reports, weather and scenic/ wildlife variables. Whether you are a seasoned fly fisherman or a discriminating traveler looking for the true wilderness experience, this is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Notes:

Fishing is catch-and-release only. Alaska State law requires a valid 1-day fishing license, which may be purchased for US\$20 cash from your guide. To fit the chest waders, the maximum shoe size is 15 and the minimum shoe size is 4. Minimum age is 8 years. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Glacier View Sea Kayaking



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.8 out of 5

Value



3.4 out of 5

3 out of 6(50%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Travel in the style of Native Alaskans and explore the spectacular **coastal waterways and Mendenhall wetlands** by **kayak**. If you've never paddled before, no worries! Your experienced guide will make sure you are comfortable.

This glorious half-day excursion along Juneau's coast begins with a short drive by bus to **North Douglas Island**, where you will enjoy scenic views of Mendenhall Glacier.

An experienced, friendly guide will hand out life jackets and rain gear before teaching you some paddling techniques. Then, hop into a two-person **kayak**, with a new friend or traveling companion. This breathtaking trip is designed to give you a sense of how the Aleut Natives traveled the coastal waterways of Alaska in search of pelts for the Russian fur trading companies. Your stable, yet nimble, kayak will allow you to silently approach any wildlife in the area, including porpoise, seals, sea lions, eagles, herons, or even whales.

Explore the **Mendenhall Wetlands**, where you can view the spectacular Mendenhall Glacier from an ocean explorer's point of view. This view of the glacier is from about six miles away, so (weather/cloud conditions permitting) you'll see how the massive river of ice winds up through the mountain peaks for miles -- truly one of the best views of Mendenhall Glacier.

Along the way your guide will entertain you with stories about Smugglers Cove and the history of the surrounding area, and point out any local flora and fauna. This kayak trip is perfect for all levels of experience -- participants are grouped into like abilities, so that you can travel at a pace that is comfortable for you, and the safety boat captain will ensure that your experience is fun.

Back at the kayak base, enjoy a tasty Alaska-style **snack** and receive a souvenir pin before the bus journey back to port.

Notes:

Minimum weight is 40 lbs.; kayak cockpit is 10.5" X 16.5", guests over 250 lbs. may not fit comfortably in the kayak. Guests taller than 6'3" will not be able to steer with foot pedals and must sit in front. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Gold Panning Adventure & Alaska Salmon Bake



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.1 out of 5  
Value



3.6 out of 5

14 out of 16(88%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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The year was 1880 and two prospectors, Joe Juneau and Richard Harris, found 'large pieces of quartz, of black sulfite and galena all spangled over with gold' in Gold Creek. Thus began Alaska's first gold rush, 16 years before the Klondike. It set the stage for a colorful period in Alaskan history and for your very own opportunity to catch gold fever on today's tour.

A **costumed prospector guide** will escort you on the scenic and entertaining 20-minute ride to **Last Chance Basin**. Here, a prospector will provide a lively gold panning demonstration and narration about the gold rush days. Feel the thrill of discovery as, with expert instruction and a little **gold panning** of your own, you find guaranteed gold in the bottom of your pan. Not only will you keep what you find, you'll also receive a Gold Claim Certificate as a fun memento. The gold panning portion of the tour takes place in a serene setting where gold is plentiful. You're likely to see local residents panning for gold here too.

Gold panning is hungry work, so you're sure to have an appetite for what's up next on your Juneau adventure. Grilling to perfection for nearly 40 years, the folks at the **Alaska Salmon Bake** have created the ideal setting for an all-you-can-eat outdoor Alaska feast. A 20-minute transfer will deliver you to your dining venue. The setting is beautiful -- a lush rain forest creek, tables under translucent, heated domes, wild salmon grilling slowly over an alderwood fire. And the spread is sumptuous -- grilled salmon,



parmesan chicken, baked beans with reindeer sausage, wild-rice pilaf, potatoes and a robust selection of other sides, salads and beverages. Beer, wine and soda are available for purchase and, just when you think you've had enough, there's blueberry cake for dessert.

After dinner, roast marshmallows over a **campfire**, stroll to the lovely **Salmon Creek waterfall**, and view the Wagner Mine ruins. **Pan for more gold** before souvenir hunting at the trading post.

Shuttle buses depart regularly so you can set your own time to return to your ship with a motherlode of memories.

This tour has a maximum of 24 participants and you will be escorted by your prospector guide from start to finish.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair due to uneven terrain at Last Chance Basin and the salmon bake.

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## Helicopter Flightseeing & Extended Glacier Trek



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



4.7 out of 5

7 out of 7(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This trek is a glacier adventure that includes **three hours of hiking** and **climbing** over the rugged terrain of the glacier.

Take off from Juneau by **helicopter** and soar over the Juneau Ice Field to the glacier.

Upon landing, your guide teaches you the basics of glacier travel and leads your group on an exploration of the most pristine and remote areas of the glacier. Opportunities for adventure photos abound as you are introduced to and practice basic climbing and rope techniques enabling you to climb and descend ice walls.

The amount of walking is extensive and often on steep terrain with some technical climbing. All outerwear and mountaineering gear is provided.

No experience is required, but you should be in good physical condition and bring your spirit of adventure.

Notes:

Dress in warm layers; wear sunglasses. Participants must be in good physical condition and able to walk 3 to 4 miles over varied terrain, although this distance may not be covered in this tour. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. Every guest and his/her carry-on items on helicopter tours may be weighed during the check-in process. The tour operator will endeavor to be discreet during this process but please be aware that individual circumstances may not allow for complete privacy. Minimum age is 15 years. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Helicopter Flightseeing & Glacier Trek



Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



4.8 out of 5

9 out of 9(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This trek is a **two-hour hike** through a **glacial icescape**.

Take off from Juneau by **helicopter** and soar over the Juneau Ice Field to the glacier.

Upon landing, listen to your guide, as there is an early emphasis on learning the proper use of the mountaineering gear (rain- and windproof outerwear, gloves, boots, ice axe, crampons, harness, helmet) and understanding the glacier features and hazards so that remote areas of the glacier can be accessed during the trek.

The trek includes more physical activity than the Glacier Walkabout, interspersed with detailed explanations of the glacial environment and surrounding area.

Participants should be comfortable **hiking for two hours** over uneven and sometimes steep terrain. This trek is both adventurous and easy -- no prior experience is required.

Notes:

Dress in warm layers; wear sunglasses. Participants must be in good physical condition and able to walk two miles over varied terrain, although two miles may not be covered on this tour. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Minimum age is 12 years. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare.

Every guest and his/her carry-on items on helicopter tours may be weighed during the check-in process.

The tour operator will endeavor to be discreet during this process but please be aware that individual circumstances may not allow for complete privacy.

## Helicopter Flightseeing & Glacier Walkabout



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.5 out of 5

7 out of 8(88%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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No experience is necessary for this non-strenuous, one-hour interpretive **glacier walk**.

Take off from Juneau by **helicopter** and soar over the Juneau Ice Field to the glacier.

Upon landing, your guide provides detailed explanations of the glacier environment and the surrounding area, and teaches proper use of the equipment provided.

There is plenty of time for photo opportunities. The amount of **walking is moderate**, over relatively flat to rolling terrain. Your pilot will choose the glacier-landing site.

Notes:

Dress in warm layers; wear sunglasses. Rain- and windproof outerwear, boots, and gloves are provided.

Minimum age is 8 years. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more

will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. Every guest and his/her carry-on items on

helicopter tours may be weighed during the check-in process. The tour operator will endeavor to be

discreet during this process but please be aware that individual circumstances may not allow for complete

privacy. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Historic Gold Panning Adventure



Approximately 1½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.1 out of 5

Value



3.9 out of 5

9 out of 12(75%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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The year was 1880 and two prospectors, Joe Juneau and Richard Harris, found 'large pieces of quartz, of black sulfite and galena all spangled over with gold' in Gold Creek. Thus began Alaska's first gold rush,

16 years before the Klondike. It set the stage for a colorful period in Alaskan history and for your very own opportunity to catch gold fever on today's tour.

A **costumed prospector guide** will escort you on the scenic and entertaining 20-minute ride to **Last Chance Basin**. Here, a prospector will provide a lively demonstration and narration about the gold rush days. Feel the thrill of discovery as, with expert instruction and a little **luck** of your own, you find guaranteed gold in the bottom of your pan. Not only will you keep what you find, you'll also receive a Gold Claim Certificate as a fun memento. The gold panning portion of the tour takes place in a serene setting where gold is plentiful. You're likely to see local residents panning for gold here too.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair due to uneven terrain.

### Mendenhall Glacier & Evening Whale Quest



Approximately 4¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

2 out of 2(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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A narrated motor coach tour takes you to view and photograph Alaska's most famous river of ice -- **Mendenhall Glacier**. At the **Visitor Center** you'll have the opportunity to visit with Forest Service interpreters and, through interactive exhibits, appreciate the landscape-carving force of glacial ice. Continue to Auke Bay to board a **deluxe catamaran** specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, spacious main cabin as you set out to explore **Stephens Passage** -- a pristine marine wilderness that is world-renowned as a favored summer feeding ground for **humpback whales**.

As whales are sighted, your skilled captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing opportunities. You'll be amazed by the gracefulness of these ocean giants as they slowly arc their massive tail flukes into the air; the whales are often close enough to hear them breathe. If conditions allow, an underwater hydrophone will be deployed so that you may even get to experience their incredible 'singing.'

An on-board naturalist will explain the behavior and habitat of the humpback whale, and other wildlife you may encounter, including killer whales, sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles and more. Throughout the voyage you'll be treated to a delicious variety of appetizers including a baron of beef, reindeer sausage, smoked salmon, cheese and vegetable trays, hot shrimp dip, dessert bars and pastries. Tea, coffee and cocoa will be served. Beer, wine and sodas are available at an additional charge.

Notes:

Bring a warm jacket to wear on the topside observation deck. The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. In the past 15 years, whales have been sighted on every tour. This tour is only available on ships staying in Juneau for the evening. The vessel is restroom-equipped.

## Mendenhall Glacier & Tram



Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.6 out of 5

Value



3 out of 5

5 out of 8(62%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This tour visits Juneau's hallmark attractions -- **Mendenhall Glacier** and Mount Roberts Tramway.

Your journey begins with a narrated tour of **downtown Juneau** and the city's highlights en route to Mendenhall Valley -- home of the mighty glacier.

Your guide will point out many of the attractions that you'll want to see during your approximate 1½-hour stay at the **Mendenhall Glacier** area. Scenic Photo Point and the **Visitor Center** are well worth a visit. Take time to watch the short film about the glacier and the 37 other glaciers that make up the Juneau Ice Field.

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.

Return to downtown Juneau for a ride on the **Mt Roberts Tramway**. You can either head straight up the mountain or detour into town and ride the tram at your leisure -- your ticket is good all day. You'll want at least 90 minutes to take in the beauty of Mt Roberts. On the ride up to 1,800 feet, take in the beautiful views with the Chilkat Mountains to the north, Stephens Passage to the south, Douglas Island to the west and, in the east, Silver Bow Basin where gold was discovered in 1880. At the top, learn about Alaska's raptors from a naturalist at the live bald eagle exhibit and visit Raven Eagle Gifts at the Mountain House -- an educational experience because you can watch local artisans crafting traditional objects. Looking out at the surrounding mountains and islands that make up the Tongass area, it is easy to understand why Juneauites feel so isolated from the rest of Alaska.

Your guide will explain your options and tell you how to return to the ship from the Tram terminal.

Notes:

This tour operates under a Special Use Permit issued by the US Forest Service. If you want an additional 30 minutes at the glacier, consider purchasing the Mendenhall Glacier Explorer, which allows two hours at the glacier. The Juneau Tram can be bought separately and added to any tour (and still at a discount from the walk-up rate).

## Mendenhall Glacier & Whale Quest



Approximately 5¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5



60 out of 64(94%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Experience Alaska's glaciers and wildlife from two very different vantage points -- by land and by sea. A narrated motor coach tour takes you to view and photograph Alaska's most famous river of ice, the **Mendenhall Glacier**. At the **Visitor Center** you'll have the opportunity to talk with Forest Service interpreters and, through interactive exhibits, learn about the awesome force of glaciers.

Back aboard the motor coach you'll take the scenic route through the Mendenhall Valley to **Auke Bay**, where you'll board a **water-jet-powered catamaran** specifically designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable cabin surrounded by large windows as you ply the island-studded waters of **Stephens Passage**. This area is world-renowned as a favored summer feeding ground for **humpback whales**.

Once whales have been sighted, your captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing and photo opportunities as these graceful ocean giants slowly arc their massive tail flukes into the air. The whales are often close enough to hear them breathe.

An **on-board naturalist** will explain the behavior and habitat of the humpback whale and **other wildlife** you may encounter, including killer whales, Steller sea lions, Dall's porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles and Sitka black-tail deer.

Notes:

Bring a warm jacket to wear on the topside observation deck. The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. In the past 15 years, whales have been sighted on every tour. The vessel is restroom-equipped. Binoculars and souvenir route maps are provided along with snacks and beverages. Time at the glacier is approximately 60 minutes.

## Mendenhall Glacier By Helicopter & Guided Walk



Approximately 2¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.4 out of 5

26 out of 27(96%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Travel back to the Ice Age on this excursion that was featured on *Good Morning America* as Juneau's top-rated excursion.

Board a modern, turbine-powered **helicopter** to enjoy breathtaking vistas of thriving rain forests, alpine ridges, and mountain peaks.

Your destination is the world-famous **Mendenhall Glacier**. The flight path takes you over the glacier itself, giving you an eagle's-eye view of its icy spires, deep blue crevasses and meltwater pools. Descending towards the landing site, you may fly past the Mendenhall Towers -- rock sentinels that soar to more than 7,000 feet. A gentle landing brings you to your close encounter with the ice itself.

Hop out onto the ice to explore the **glacier's surface** with an experienced, knowledgeable guide -- a wonderful opportunity to take once-in-a-lifetime photos. Bring your binoculars -- you never know when you'll have a chance to see some of Alaska's famous wildlife.

Notes:

Tablets, iPads, Go-Pro sticks, and drones are not allowed on the flights to ensure a full field of vision for pilots and guests alike. Wear sunglasses. Glacier boots are provided. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. For security purposes, no bags are allowed on the flight. A secure location will be provided at the heliport for storing personal items. Infants up to and including the day prior to their second birthday can be considered a lap child and should be added to the parent's weight they will be sitting on and are at no cost. On or after his/her 2nd birthday, each child is required by FAA to have his/her own seat and will be charged accordingly.

## Mendenhall Glacier Explorer



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.4 out of 5

Value



4.2 out of 5

**12** out of **13**(92%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Your journey begins with a narrated tour of downtown Juneau and the city's highlights en route to Mendenhall Valley -- home of the mighty **Mendenhall Glacier**.

Your guide will point out many of the attractions that you'll want to see during your approximate two-hour stay at the glacier area. Scenic Photo Point and the Mendenhall Glacier **Visitor Center** are well worth a visit. Take time to watch the short film about the glacier and the 37 other glaciers that make up the Juneau Ice Field.

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. The Nugget Falls trail takes you to the base of a long glacier-fed waterfall and offers the closest views of Mendenhall Glacier in the area. Meander through the Tongass National Forest as you explore the Moraine Ecology Trail and the Steep Creek Trail -- the latter offers multiple views of wild sockeye salmon during the mid- to late-summer months.

Notes:

This tour operates under a Special Use Permit issued by the US Forest Service. Due to occasional bear activity, food consumption is prohibited in the Mendenhall Glacier area.

## Mendenhall Glacier Guide's Choice Hike



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.9 out of 5

Value



4.3 out of 5

21 out of 22(95%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Put on your hiking boots and fill your lungs with fresh air as you experience a **day of world-class hiking**. With more miles of trails than roads, Juneau is the place for an adventurous day hike. Your small group (limited to 12 people per guide) is led by a certified interpretive guide, who chooses the trail to best suit the group's ability and the day's hiking conditions.

Hike in the **Mendenhall Glacier National Recreation Area** on a secluded trail with several glacier views. Witness cascading waterfalls, serene meadows, and quiet forest glens -- just a few of the treasured places that can be reached only on foot. Your experienced guide will provide you with stories and insights on the **Tongass National Forest** -- the world's largest remaining temperate rain forest -- its fascinating wildlife, glacially carved landscapes and lush foliage. A variety of animal species inhabit this place and your guide will help you keep a lookout for any sign along the trail, perhaps you will discover a shy porcupine or pause to listen to the call of an Arctic tern.

Expect a refreshing outing at a moderate pace with many opportunities for photography and lasting memories of Alaska.

Notes:

The small group size of this tour ensures a personalized and interactive atmosphere. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Participants must be in good health and able to cover variable terrain. You will hike between 4 to 6 miles, with an elevation gain of 600 to 1,000 feet. A rain poncho, hip pack, walking stick, bottled water, and granola bar snack are provided. Wear sturdy shoes suitable for hiking and dress warmly in layers as the tour operates in all weather conditions. All tour participants on this excursion are eligible to enter to win cash prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Mendenhall Glacier, Hatchery & Salmon Bake



Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.5 out of 5

Value



3.3 out of 5

11 out of 17(65%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Travel through **Juneau's picturesque downtown** to the mighty **Mendenhall Glacier**, a moving river of ice with rugged crevasses. Visit **Macaulay Salmon Hatchery** and learn about the importance of Alaska's salmon and the impact these amazing fish have on the environment and economy of the 49th state.

Enjoy great eagle viewing and the variety of local marine life in aquariums. Then you'll board your motor coach and head to the traditional Alaskan **salmon bake at Salmon Creek**. An Alaskan feast, this salmon bake features Alaskan-caught wild salmon grilled over an open alder wood fire. Also enjoy parmesan chicken, cheesy au gratin potatoes, baked beans with reindeer sausage, wild-rice pilaf, a variety of fresh salads, corn bread and lemonade, coffee or tea. (Beer and wine are available at an additional charge.)

Dine beside Salmon Creek in **Southeast Alaska's rain forest** and listen to a local musician. A translucent roof protects you, rain or shine. After dining, toast marshmallows over a crackling campfire and **walk** to view the beautiful **Salmon Creek waterfall**. Remnants of the historic Wagner Mine are evident here. Return to the ship by shuttle bus.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair due to uneven terrain at the salmon bake. Bring a warm jacket. Restrooms are available. Time at the glacier is approximately 75 minutes.

## Mendenhall Glacier, Rainforest Garden & Tram



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.2 out of 5

Value



4 out of 5

**18** out of **20**(90%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Juneau, Alaska is known for the surrounding glaciers and lush rain forest that make up the **Tongass National Forest**.

What is it like to live in the forest and how does it shape the lives of its inhabitants? The answers begin with a short drive through downtown Juneau's streets en route to Mendenhall Glacier, located in the Tongass National Forest, where you'll spend 90 minutes exploring the surrounding trails and waterfall offering fabulous views of the glacier. Allow time to enter the Visitor Center to check out the various exhibits and short film on the Juneau ice field.

It's now off to Juneau's **Rainforest Garden**, where you'll take a short, self-guided walk through the forest to view the interpretive plaques. Sit down to chat with the local proprietors as they explain life in Southeast Alaska and the inter-relationship between Southerners and the surrounding rain forest. Enjoy a **snack** of a muffin or pastry and cup of tea during the talk.

The last part of the outing takes you back to downtown Juneau for a ride on the **Mt Roberts Tramway**. You can either head straight up the mountain or detour into town and return to the tram at your leisure -- your ticket is good all day. You'll want at least 90 minutes to take in the beauty of Mt Roberts. On the ride up to 1,800 feet, take in the beautiful views with the Chilkat Mountains to the north, Stephens Passage to the south, Douglas Island to the west and, in the east, Silver Bow Basin where gold was discovered in 1880. At the top, learn about Alaska's raptors from a naturalist at the live bald eagle exhibit and visit Raven Eagle Gifts at the Mountain House -- an educational experience because you can watch local artisans crafting traditional objects. Looking out at the surrounding mountains and islands that make up the Tongass area, it is easy to understand why Juneauites feel so isolated from the rest of Alaska.

Notes:

This tour operates under a Special Use Permit issued by the US Forest Service.

## Mendenhall Lake Native Canoe Adventure



Approximately 3½- 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.7 out of 5

18 out of 18(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Be among the select few to travel by **canoe** under a limited US Forest Service permit for an amazing encounter with the majestic **Mendenhall Glacier**. This **small-group** outing includes a maximum of 15 privileged guests.

**Paddle across Mendenhall Lake**, navigating past icebergs, surrounded by one of the richest samplings of Alaskan wildlife you'll find anywhere. Keep an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, Arctic terns, goats, salmon, otters, bears, and more. Then, venture within a safe distance of the massive, awe-inspiring face of the living Mendenhall Glacier.

Grab a thrill ride by skirting the base of beautiful and powerful Nugget Falls where you will go ashore to refuel with **asnack** of Alaskan-style fare for the return trip.

Make your trip in a traditional **Tlingit-style canoe** -- an exceptionally stable 28-foot watercraft, with all modern safety gear supplied. Because of the close approach to the glacier face, the Forest Service tightly controls the number of participants -- you'll be among the lucky few to experience this one-of-a-kind adventure.

Notes:

Dress warmly and bring extra socks. Minimum weight is 40 lbs. Waterproof rain gear is provided. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. This is a hands-on activity that requires participants to paddle for extended periods of time.

## Mendenhall River Float Trip



Approximately 3½- 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.8 out of 5

Value



3.3 out of 5

14 out of 19(74%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Your outing begins with a scenic, narrated motor coach ride and tour to beautiful **Mendenhall Lake**. There, you'll be treated to an excellent view of the glacier -- a half-mile wide and more than one hundred feet tall at the face.

Arriving at the lake, gear up, board a **raft** and take off on an unforgettable adventure where you can get out into nature, learn about the area, and see the glacier, icebergs and some wildlife.

Your experienced guide will steer you across the serene waters of the lake, maneuvering past floating icebergs, to the river beyond. The speed of the water and level of the rapids vary depending on the weather, but your highly trained guide will ensure you have a safe and fun experience. You will be **rafting a five-mile stretch of river** from Mendenhall Lake, in the Tongass National Forest, downstream towards Juneau Harbor.

Your guide explains the natural phenomena at work in this scenic valley. Marvel at the spectacular views of the glacier and towering peaks as you float downstream. Watch for the local wildlife, which may include -- arctic terns, eagles, goats, salmon, otters, bears and more.

Back ashore you'll enjoy an Alaska-style **snack** with a warm beverage and, if you wish, purchase a photo of your rafting experience before re-boarding your motor coach for the short, relaxing ride back to your ship.

Notes:

This excursion is mainly a scenic experience with a short section of rapids where the guide takes complete charge of the raft. Guests interested in a higher level of activity, following the guide's commands and powering the raft through the troughs of the rapids (one mile of Class III rapids), should ask to be seated in a paddle raft. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Minimum weight is 50 lbs; maximum weight is 350 lbs. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Bring only a disposable or waterproof camera.



## Mount Roberts Tramway



Approximately 2½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4 out of 5

Value



3.8 out of 5

**58** out of **65** (89%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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You've already booked your helicopter, sightseeing, or outdoor adventure in Juneau; now, how about a great introduction to Alaska's capital, or a fond farewell, with a ride on the Goldbelt **Mount Roberts Tramway**? Buy your ticket in advance through Holland America Line to avoid the lines.

Enjoy an exhilarating tramway ride through the Alaska rain forest to 1,800 feet above Juneau. Take in the beautiful views with the Chilkat Mountains to the north, Stephens Passage to the south, Douglas Island to the west and, in the east, Silver Bow Basin where gold was discovered in 1880. Watch for wildlife and birds on your way to the bear-viewing platforms.

Learn about Alaska's raptors from a naturalist at the Juneau Raptor Center's bald eagle exhibit. Visit Raven Eagle Gifts & Gallery at the Mountain House. This is not just a gift shop -- it's an educational experience because you can watch local artisans crafting traditional objects. The store carries everything from comfortable, affordable clothing and charming souvenirs to exquisite crystal and museum-quality handcrafted Native artworks, both traditional and modern.

Stop in the gallery for the finest traditional weaving, carving, and Native art prints. Enjoy the award-winning film, *Seeing Daylight*, on the history and culture of the Tlingit people. Dine with a view at the Timberline Bar & Grill on fresh, local seafood, all-you-can-eat crab or Alaskan beer (at your own expense).

See it all from above it all on the Mount Roberts Tramway.

Notes:

Children 5 years of age and younger participate free of charge. A full refund will be given for any unused tickets so there is no risk to purchasing prior to the call. You must bring your unused tickets back to the Shore Excursion counter by the end of the day.

## Pilot's Choice Glacier Explorer by Helicopter (with Two Landings)



Approximately 2¾ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.1 out of 5

7 out of 8(88%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Marvel at vistas seen by few -- high alpine lakes, 'icefalls' hanging from sheer cliffs, and some of the most remote peaks and glaciers on the **Juneau Icefield**.

Your pilot will create the best possible flightseeing based on the weather and glacier conditions.

You'll **land in two different locations**, where you will continue the tour on foot. During these two landings, you will learn about the environmental and geological processes at work, creating moraines, crevasses, seracs, and the amazing glaciers themselves.

Notes:

Tablets, iPads, Go-Pro sticks, and drones are not allowed on the flights to ensure a full field of vision for pilots and guests alike. Glacier boots are provided. For security purposes, no bags are allowed on the flight. Guests weighing 250 lbs or more will pay an additional surcharge over the published fare. Time spent on the glacier is approximate and may vary due to weather and glacial conditions. Guests must be able to get into and out of the helicopter and walk approximately 30 yards from the building to the helicopters. Employees can give a helping hand into and out of the helicopters but are not allowed to lift or carry a guest. Guests can remain on board the helicopter during the landings if they wish. Canes, crutches, walkers, etc, cannot be taken on the flight. Infants up to and including the day prior to their second birthday can be considered a lap child and should be added to the parent's weight they will be sitting on and are at no cost. On or after his/her 2nd birthday, the child is required by FAA to have his/her own seat and will be charged accordingly.

## Sled Dog Discovery & Musher's Camp



Approximately 2¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.2 out of 5

Value



3.8 out of 5

35 out of 41 (85%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Visit a **musher's camp** to experience a true Alaskan adventure and support the state sport of dog mushing. You will have a blast on an authentic dog sled ride, meeting and learning from knowledgeable mushers and dog handlers, and playing with the husky puppies.

Your journey begins with a scenic drive deep into the Tongass National Rain Forest on Douglas Island. At the camp, you will be greeted by a musher and a team of Alaskan huskies who seem like they're about to burst with excitement because they know that, once you board the custom-designed wheeled summertime training sled, they get to run. Feel the thrill of being pulled by these strong huskies, and soak in the inspiring beauty as you race down a one-mile trail surrounded by giant spruce and hemlock trees.

After your ride, meet up with a knowledgeable dog handler and a retired sled dog. Together they will demonstrate the impeccable care sled dogs receive from their mushers and veterinarians.

Walk across the suspension bridge overlooking Fish Creek and step into Alaska's wilderness.

Enjoy an interactive presentation about the adventurous races and the equipment required for dog sledding. And last, but certainly not least, meet the adorable husky puppies. The attention you give them is important because it helps to socialize them, and this is essential to their future athletic success.

Notes:

The sled ride takes place on dry ground, not on snow. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Guests must be able to walk short distances and lift their knees 8 inches to accommodate steps into and out of vehicles.

## Taku Glacier Adventure by Air, Water & Ice



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

3 out of 3(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Thrills abound on this tour that offers a personal, small-group **glacier adventure** by helicopter and airboat in the untouched, remote area of the Taku Glacier and River.

Hop aboard a shuttle van for a ride through the city of Juneau to the airport located in the Mendenhall Valley.

Listen to a pre-flight safety briefing; then, it's time to board a **helicopter** for a flight high above Juneau, the Tongass National Forest, the Juneau Ice Field, Gastineau Channel, and the Taku River -- stunning scenery all around.

The helicopter lands on the deck at **Taku Point**. Friendly staff will greet you and give you a flotation jacket and hearing protection. You'll hear a safety briefing about the airboat, as well as plenty of interesting local history. Snap some pictures of the pristine **Taku River basin** and the Taku Glacier spread out before you.

Descend the 50-foot ramp to the dock below and board the waiting **airboat**. You'll sit comfortably aboard the covered airboat, with open sides for the best possible views and photo opportunities. The airboat captain will help you board and your adventure continues by water. On the river, you'll cruise the five-mile face of **Taku Glacier** -- the only advancing glacier in the Juneau Ice Field. You'll come within arm's length of the ice, and gain an understanding of the immense size of the glacier from the level of the river. The airboat captain will stop the boat in various locations for amazing photos, and talk about the glacier and the river basin that it has carved over the years.

Back at Taku Point, you'll leave the airboat to re-join the helicopter that will take you up to **the top of Taku Glacier for a glacier landing**. Step out of the helicopter and set foot on the amazing 4,500-foot-thick ice. You'll have time for more photos, and your pilot will give you details about the Ice Field and facts specific to the Taku Glacier.

The helicopter will return you to the airport in Juneau with a van transfer back to the pier.

Notes:

Minimum age is 7 years. Actual tour duration is approximately two hours from lift-off at the heliport to return to the helicopter base. Passenger names and weights are required by the FAA for weight and

balance calculations and flight manifesting. To ensure the comfort of all travelers, guests weighing 280 lbs (clothed weight) or more must pay an additional \$150 to secure extra space in the aircraft. A no-bag policy applies; however, if you have medical needs that require a carry-on bag, please see the Shore Excursions office on board. All other bags brought to the base will be stored in the tour office until you return from your flight.

## Taku Glacier Hovercraft Adventure



Approximately 4¼ Hours



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The massive, 37-mile long **Taku Glacier**, winding down through the peaks of the Coast Mountains, is the largest of all glaciers that flow from the Juneau Icefield. It is also one of very few glaciers in the world that is advancing. Several miles of very shallow water and constantly-shifting sand bars prohibit approaching the face of the glacier by conventional boat, so the only way to explore this beautiful 'no man's land' without regard to tide or cloud cover is to travel by hovercraft.

Your own journey to Taku Glacier begins with an exciting cruise aboard a high-speed **waterjet-powered catamaran**. En route, you will see reminders of Juneau's fascinating gold mining era, and meander along the base of a waterfall-framed cliff that is home to hundreds of nesting seabirds.

Arriving at the expedition base camp -- a World War II-era ship that was built for the purpose of laying anti-submarine nets -- you'll be outfitted with rubber boots. Meet your **hovercraft** pilot and guide.

Hovercrafts are true amphibious vehicles, able to travel with ease over water, ice, sandbars and grassland. They are designed to float above the terrain on a deep cushion of air, with forward thrust provided by an aft-facing propeller. The craft you'll be 'flying' in is an 8-person, environmentally-friendly machine, capable of cruising at speeds up to 35-knots. The fully-enclosed main cabin is heated and offers excellent visibility for all guests.

Your pilot will navigate a maze of sandbars to a landing site near the face of Taku Glacier -- a place of constant change, as the glacier slowly inches its way across the valley. You will have about 30 minutes to explore this other-worldly environment on foot, while enjoying spectacular views in every direction. Your guide will explain the dynamics of the glacier's current advance, and possible impact on the entire region, should the glacier push forward just one more mile to dam the mighty Taku River.

On the relaxing jet-cat cruise back to Juneau, enjoy a selection of **snacks and beverages** while watching for whales, sea lions, eagles and other species of wildlife that are attracted to the area by tremendous salmon runs and other abundant food sources.

Notes:

Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket in order to fully enjoy your time near the face of the glacier. Minimum age is 5 years. The average weight of all guests in your party cannot exceed 240 lbs per

person. Participants must be able to negotiate inclined ramps and 3 - 4 steps to board and disembark the vessel.

## Taku Glacier Lodge, Feast & Five Glacier Seaplane Discovery



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5  
Value



4.9 out of 5

46 out of 47(98%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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You're in for the journey of a lifetime -- seaplane-only access to Alaska's famous Taku Glacier Lodge; a ride on a classic, powerful aircraft; a true wilderness setting; five massive glaciers; bears; a perspective on Alaska's vivid history with dog sledding roots; a seafood feast; and exclusive glacier-view dining. Fly in a classic de Havilland seaplane (**floatplane**) over five breathtaking glaciers flowing from the Juneau Ice Field, deep blue crevasses, snow-capped mountains and the lush Tongass National Forest. Seeing glaciers from the air is an Alaskan must-do, and doing so by authentic Alaskan bush plane is the quintessential Alaskan experience.

The Taku River will be your 'runway' as you land at the elegantly rustic and historic **Taku Lodge**, built in 1923 and located across the river from the five-mile wide Taku Glacier. This is Juneau's largest glacier and one of only a few advancing glaciers in the world.

Savor a **feast** of fresh, wild Alaska salmon grilled to perfection (chicken alternative available), Taku baked beans, coleslaw, pioneer fruit compote, fresh herb biscuits and sourdough bread, all made from scratch. Drinks are chilled and served with authentic glacier ice and special-recipe ginger cookies to complete the meal.

The aroma of the alderwood grill attracts not only human visitors, but also wild black bears. Take a guided interpretative nature walk, stroll the trails or soak in the serenity of a place barely touched by time before your return flight to Juneau. You can do it all with this exclusive combination tour of the Juneau area's premier attractions.

Notes:

All participants enjoy a window seat for enhanced viewing and a headset for continuous narration. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Narration can be provided in writing during the flight for the following languages: Mandarin, Spanish, Catalan, German, Japanese, Dutch, Portugese, Italian and French.

### Tracy Arm Fjord & Glacier Explorer (Juneau Roundtrip)



Approximately 7 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



4.9 out of 5

18 out of 19(95%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Travel by **deluxe jetboat** to explore the very best of the **Tracy Arm Wilderness Area**, including exciting close-up views of the majestic **Sawyer Glaciers**.

Relax in the warm, spacious cabin as your experienced captain guides you through scenic passages and into the heart of a wild place that has, until recently, been buried by glacial ice. Here, the extraordinary maneuverability of the *Katlian Express* will allow you to glide quietly past curious seals and bobbing icebergs to get as close as possible to the ever-changing face of **South Sawyer Glacier**.

Spend as much time as possible on the topside observation deck where you can appreciate this unforgettable experience with all your senses. At times, you can even feel the 'white thunder' as immense spires of ice break from the glacier and crash into the sea.

Before heading away from the ice pack, you will also view beautiful **North Sawyer Glacier**, which cannot be approached by large cruise ships. While exploring the length of this ice-carved fjord you will cruise beneath cliffs that rise 4,000-feet above the jade-colored sea and feel the mist on your face as the vessel glides near a plunging waterfall.

There will be stops along the way to view and photograph wildlife -- bald eagles, harbor seals and mountain goats. Encounters with bears and whales are not uncommon.

The **on-board naturalist** will provide a wealth of information about the area, which naturalist John Muir called 'one of the most dramatically stunning fjords of Southeast Alaska'.

Enjoy a **picnic-style lunch** and a variety of snacks and beverages served by your friendly Alaskan crew as you trace the rugged shores of **Stephens Passage** on the cruise north to Juneau.

The Captain will make many detours and stops, allowing you incredible opportunities to view and photograph cobalt-blue icebergs, spectacular cliffs, thousand-foot waterfalls and abundant wildlife.

Notes:

In the event unpredictable and ever-changing ice conditions preclude the vessel from entering Tracy Arm Fjord, the tour will be modified to explore Endicott Arm, a fjord and tidewater glacier of equal beauty. To fully enjoy the outside observation decks, bring a warm, rainproof jacket, hat and gloves. The vessel is equipped with deluxe seating, a galley and restroom. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

## Underground Mine & Gold Panning!



Approximately 2¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.5 out of 5

Value





4.3 out of 5

11 out of 13(85%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Relive **Juneau's mining heritage** on a tour of what was once the world's largest gold-producing mill. Hear the story of this great mine that was the heartbeat of Juneau. A short ride from the pier brings you to the site of the **mill ruins**, where you will venture **underground** into the conveyer tunnel through which crushed ore was transported to the mill. Don a hard hat and proceed **on foot** along a **boardwalk** into the 360-foot-long tunnel. Inside, experienced miners demonstrate hard rock mining techniques and give you a feel for the mining lifestyle. Return to the mill site, constructed in 1913. The Alaska Gastineau Mill was a revolutionary plant that introduced new technologies to the mining industry. A guide will explain why this process was unique, as well as explaining the different kinds of mining used in Alaska. After a brief demonstration, you can **pan for gold and garnets** from the tailings of the mine. Pay dirt is guaranteed and you can keep what you find. Wander among displays and the ruins. View the first locomotive to come to Alaska for the purpose of mining. Visit the gift shop and museum before you return to town.

Notes:

Dress warmly in layers, as the mine is usually cold and damp inside.

## Whale Watching & Wildlife Quest



Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.6 out of 5

Value



4.3 out of 5

53 out of 59(90%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This sightseeing cruise features **guaranteed whale watching**. Following a short motor coach ride to scenic Auke Bay, you'll board a **waterjet-powered catamaran** specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable cabin surrounded by large windows as you ply the island-studded waters of **Stephens Passage**. This area is world-renowned as a favored summer feeding ground for **humpback whales**.

Once whales have been sighted, your captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing and photo opportunities as these graceful ocean giants slowly arc their massive tail flukes into the air. The whales are often close enough to hear them breathe. An **on-board naturalist** will explain the behavior and habitat of the humpback whale and other wildlife you may encounter, including killer whales, Steller sea lions, Dall's porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles and Sitka black-tail deer.

Notes:

Bring a warm jacket to wear on the topside observation deck. The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. In the past 15 years, whales have been sighted on every tour. The vessel is restroom-equipped. Binoculars and souvenir route maps are provided along with snacks and beverages.

## Whales & Mendenhall Glacier Photo Safari



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5

**69** out of **74(93%)** reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Capture everything from glaciers to whales on this excursion that features **aprofessional naturalist photography guide**. Whale sightings are guaranteed. Step off the beaten track and explore the hidden places on this specialty tour, tailored to engage **photo enthusiasts of all levels**.

Your small group (limited to 14 participants) will travel in a media-equipped shuttle bus and cruise aboard a custom-built safari vessel. Throughout the tour, your guide provides expert interpretation while also sharing tips and techniques to enhance your images. By land, you'll visit the **Mendenhall Glacier** area and walk along a secluded rain forest trail. This gentle path leads to beaver dams, salmon streams and remarkable glacier panoramas -- sites to inspire your creative photography.

Learn about the glacier's route over the last 100 years with historical images to compare with the landscape of today. By sea, board a covered **safari vessel** for an unforgettable journey through the pristine waters of Stephens Passage. Large panel windows open to give you unrestricted views, while your captain skillfully maneuvers to give you the best angle on the shot. This excursion has never had a trip without a star-studded cast -- often including humpback whales, orcas, sea lions, harbor seals, porcupines, eagles, salmon or even black bears. See more of Alaska's natural wonders as you strive to capture that 'magical moment' in the medium that is worth a thousand words.

Notes:

The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. Other wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Group size is limited to ensure a comfortable and interactive atmosphere. Participants must be willing and able to walk approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile on a paved path and mostly level, improved gravel trail. The 34-foot safari vessel is based on a stable US Coast Guard design and equipped with a comfortable covered cabin, an open bow, perimeter seating and a marine head. A complimentary one-time use camera is included for each child 12 years and younger. Each guest receives a DVD that includes a photography tutorial, a slideshow, historical images and printable tip sheet. Rain ponchos, umbrellas, camera towels, monopod walking sticks, bottled water and a snack pack are included. Infants up to and including the day prior to their second birthday can be considered a lap child and may participate at no cost. If you are traveling with an infant, please notify the shore excursions staff once onboard the ship. This tour operates in all weather conditions. All tour participants on this excursion are eligible to enter to win cash and prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.

## Whales, Glacier & Rainforest Trails



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5

**69** out of **72(96%)** reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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View **Alaska's humpback whales** and the **Mendenhall Glacier** on a small-group excursion (capacity is limited to 20 travelers) tailored for up-close encounters with nature. On a custom-built safari vessel, you'll seek out marine wildlife and step away from the crowds on a secluded rain forest trail -- two pristine habitats to explore on a single tour. On this trip you will learn about the interdependence of species and the many connections between the land and sea. This exploration introduces you to this pristine wilderness in an intimate setting with a certified naturalist guide as your leader.

Your trip begins with your guide sharing stories and perspectives as you travel to **Mendenhall Glacier**. A short, **guided hike** gives you exclusive access along a **wooded path**, once completely covered by the massive glacier. Spend an hour exploring amid forested moraines and sweeping glacial landscapes, track the glacier's recession over the past 100 years, and perhaps glimpse wildlife from the Steep Creek viewing platforms. This small corner of the **Tongass National Forest** is home to beavers, salmon, Arctic terns, porcupines and even black bears.

Following a short drive, you'll climb aboard a covered and heated **safari vessel**. This specialized watercraft has a large, opening panel windows and an open bow and stern for viewing the wildlife that thrives in these protected waters. Humpback whales, orcas, sea lions, porpoises, seals and sea birds are commonly seen. Stephens Passage is a renowned whale watching and wildlife refuge and your experienced Coast Guard-certified captain will guide you to the action. Keep your camera handy as you travel from place to place or drift quietly to witness the behaviors and antics of the area's notable marine residents. This tour is locally owned and operated.

Notes:

The operators of this tour **guarantee that a whale will be sighted** on this excursion. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund from the tour operator at the conclusion of the tour. Other wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. The small group size of this tour ensures a personalized and interactive atmosphere, making the most of your one-of-a-kind Alaska experience. Participants must be able to walk

approximately one mile on a level, improved gravel trails. Rain ponchos on the trail and binoculars on the boat are available for use. Bottled water and a snack pack are provided. Infants up to and including the day prior to their second birthday can be considered a lap child may participate at no cost. If you are traveling with an infant, please notify the shore excursions staff once onboard the ship. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Dress warmly in layers and wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes. Tour operates in all weather conditions and may operate in reverse order. Each guest receives a free color publication as a memento of their trip. All tour participants on this excursion are eligible to enter to win cash prizes in the tour operator's Capture Juneau Photo Contest. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed.