

## Alaska 4x4 Nature Safari



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.6 out of 5

Value



4.1 out of 5

**23** out of **27** (85%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This fun and adventuresome **nature safari** takes you to remote, volcanic **Kruzof Island**.

Head to a local jetty and board a **boat** for a fast, fun ride through numerous picturesque islands. Keep your eyes peeled for American bald eagles, sea otters and sea lions.

As you approach Kruzof Island, your captain will point out some unique volcanic rock formations. Step ashore and meet your guide.

Get acquainted with your **Yamaha Rhino vehicle** and, after a quick safety orientation and operating instructions, it's your turn to drive. Follow your guide on a trail through forest surrounded by beautiful scenery. Drive over bridges with gurgling streams with salmon running up them in season, and pass along a wildflower meadow on your way to a scenic estuary. Here, you will stop and search for wildlife such as Alaska coastal brown bear and Sitka black-tail deer.

After enjoying a **snack**, it's time to ride back to the jetty and take the boat back to Sitka.

Notes:

Wildlife sightings and wildflowers blooms vary with the season. This tour operates in the Tongass National Forest under a Special Use Permit issued by the US Forest Service. Minimum age is 9 years; minimum age to drive is 18 years with a valid driver's license. Participants should be in good physical condition. Waiver must be signed and medical conditions disclosed. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. This tour is not suitable for pregnant women or guests with back or neck problems, due to bumpy terrain. You may get wet and muddy.

## All-Day Salmon & Halibut Fishing



Approximately 7½ - 8 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.3 out of 5

Value



4.3 out of 5

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

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Join this full day of **Alaska-style ocean sportfishing**. Sitka enjoys an excellent catch rate for **salmon and halibut** throughout the season. You will pursue king, silver or chum salmon and halibut. You will fish with a maximum of six guests.

Salmon fishing is done by trolling with downriggers or by anchoring and mooching. Halibut fishing involves anchoring and jigging. Halibut fishing can be weather dependent.

Your captain will do his best to fish both species, salmon and halibut, but on a small percentage of days, the halibut grounds are too rough to fish. In that event, the focus will be salmon only.

Notes:

Fishing the open ocean can be subject to ocean swell and wind chop; guests who suffer from motion sickness should take appropriate medication. Alaska State law requires a valid one-day fishing license, which may be purchased for US\$20 cash from your fishing boat captain along with a US\$10 cash king salmon stamp (during king season May-June). Four to six guests are placed per boat; six is the maximum number of guests allowed per boat. Guests should be able to walk up and down dock ramps with little assistance and be able to step aboard a bus and fishing boat with little assistance. Guests using a wheelchair who have high mobility may participate on this tour if accompanied by friends/family also participating on the tour; guests who are exceptionally heavy should only participate if they have high mobility -- please advise tour operator of either circumstance in advance. Due to the length of the trip, it is not suitable for young children. Your catch can be processed locally and shipped home at an additional charge (US destinations only, credit card payment accepted). Your catch will not be allowed on board the ship.

## Birds, Bears & Barnacles



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5

**20** out of **20**(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This is your **guaranteed** opportunity to view up close Alaska's majestic **bald eagles**, Alaskan **coastal brown bears**, and ocean sea life from aquariums, touch tanks, and a salmon hatchery.

Departing the pier you will drive to the **Alaska Raptor Center** where you will spend time learning about the many birds of prey in the Flight Center and outside bird habitats. The Raptor Center specializes in the care of the American bald eagle. A presentation with a live bird on a handler's glove will give you a chance to ask questions.

Head along a very scenic portion of the Sitka road system, stopping at the **Fortress of the Bear**. Learn about the life and habits of the Alaska coastal brown bear, and an elevated platform offers views of **brown bears**. You'll see their handler feed, talk to and encourage them in a natural but safely enclosed habitat.

The **Sitka Marine Science Center** houses an active salmon hatchery, saltwater aquariums, and live fish touch tanks displaying many of the marine species found in Sitka's ocean waters. This program is educational experience for all ages -- a chance to appreciate some of the inhabitants of Alaska's remarkable animal kingdom.

## Dry Suit Snorkel



Approximately 2½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.5 out of 5

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

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Explore the **underwater world of Southeast Alaska** and learn about the marine biology of the ocean floor that teems with life in the waters of Sitka Sound. The advantages of using a dry suit are warmth, buoyancy, safety, comfort, and ease in changing. You simply wear your own street clothes under the dry suit.

You will be picked up dockside and transfer to the changing area. There is a secure space to leave your belongings. In your dry suit, you will head to the **snorkel site at Magic Island**, located within the **Halibut Point Recreation State Park**.

Listen to a safety orientation and your guide will answer any questions; then comes the once-in-a-lifetime experience of snorkeling in the waters of Alaska. Watch for sea life such as sea stars, sun stars (up to 60 lbs), crab, a variety of fish, sea anemones (one of the oldest animals on earth), a variety of filter feeders, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, and the colorful bio-mass of the sea floor. Snorkelers may also explore the giant kelp forest near the snorkel area.

You will spend approximately 30-45 minutes to one hour in the water. Safety is the number one priority of your guides and each guest receives additional information regarding the water temperatures, visibility, tidal fluctuations and local marine life.

There is a 1:6 guide-to-guest ratio and a certified dive master accompanies the group. All guides are trained in CPR, dive and snorkel procedures, and the marine environment.

Notes:

Minimum age is 12 years. Minimum weight is 85 lbs; maximum weight is 240 lbs. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Not suitable for guests with a latex allergy.

## Explore Sitka, Raptor Center & Native Tales



Approximately 3¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.5 out of 5

Value



4 out of 5

4 out of 4(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Explore an open bird habitat where eagles fly free, as well as stunning examples of Russian Colonial architecture, captivating native tales and the ancient rain forest of Alaska's oldest National Park. On this tour, Sitka's Russian, Tlingit and American culture, past and present, comes alive.

A brief **panoramic drive** through the **historic district** showcases Totem Square and Castle Hill -- site of the 1867 purchase and land transfer ceremony of Alaska from colonial Russia. You'll also pass the Alaska Pioneer Home, the Russian Bishop's house and the St Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral. Discover the **Alaska Raptor (Bald Eagle) Center**, staffed mostly by volunteers who rescue the birds, provide rehabilitative care for them, and hopefully release the birds back to the wild. After your introduction to the facility, you will see the fascinating **bird-on-a-glove presentation**. View the clinic, outside deck habitat area, and the eagle flight center. Photograph the birds throughout the grounds. At **Sitka National Historic Park**, wander through the lush forest along scenic paths where **totems** depict the rich culture of the Tlingit people. A short optional **walk** includes topics such as edible and medicinal plants, the life cycle and traditional uses of various salmon species, and rain forest ecology. Don't miss the park's **Visitor Center** featuring local Native artists along with both ancient and modern displays, and view a fascinating audio-visual presentation on Sitka's history.

Experience authentic **Tlingit stories and songs** during a visit to a traditional-style clan house built on the site of a former government school. The Naa Kahídi Community House features the largest carved house-screen in the Pacific Northwest and comes alive with songs and voices -- including your own. Admire the beautiful regalia clothing and even learn to speak a bit of Tlingit before you leave.

Your tour concludes with the transfer back to the ship, or you may choose to stay and explore downtown Sitka. Wander down the main street of this charming Alaskan town on your own, and perhaps visit **St Michael's Cathedral** -- the first Russian Orthodox cathedral in America -- to view priceless icons and religious artifacts.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers.

## Fly-In Remote Hike



Approximately 7 Hours



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This trip is designed for adventurous travelers wanting to experience **remote Alaska**.

Your outing begins with 15- to 30-minute **floatplane** flight through Hayward Straits, Neva and Salisbury Sound.

You will land on the water at Kruzof Island's **Kalinin Bay** and your guide leads you to the trailhead. The trail is well maintained and you will **hike** 2½ miles to an amazingly beautiful long, white sand **beach** at **Sea Lion Cove**. The cove is located on the Pacific Ocean side of the island where the surf's always up and the locals turn out with their boogie boards.

Spend some time beachcombing, hiking, photographing the landscape or relaxing in the sand. You'll eat your picnic **lunch** here; then, start the hour-long return hike.

A **boat** ride will return you to Sitka, past beautiful coastal landscapes, mountain views, ocean vistas, and wildlife along the way.

Notes:

This tour has a minimum requirement. On Kruzof Island, bear safety is your guide's number-one priority, so you must stay together as a group. Each group sets its own pace for the hike. Hiking location may vary due to weather or bear conditions in local vicinity. Other locations may include Mt Edgecumbe volcano, Redoubt Lake, Goddard Hot Springs. This tour takes place on a remote island in the Alaska wilderness. It is designed for physically fit guests who wish to see a part of Sitka most visitors do not experience. Not suitable for guests with health problems or who have had recent surgery. Hike length may vary. Requires strenuous walking on uneven terrain, gravel, rough ground, many stairs and inclines. No restrooms are available. Wear comfortable walking/hiking shoes; bring a light backpack and light rain gear. Minimum age is 15 years.

## Half-Day Salmon Sportfishing



Approximately 4 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.1 out of 5

Value



3.3 out of 5

8 out of 10(80%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Sitka **sportfishing** is one of Southeast Alaska's best-kept secrets. Sitka Sound offers an abundant supply of king, silver, chum and pink salmon. Combine this with dramatic views and opportunities to see marine wildlife, and you have an exciting excursion to experience.

Your captain is licensed and is an experienced fisherman. All equipment, tackle, bait and rain gear are provided.

Notes:

Dress warmly and wear rubber-soled shoes or boots. Guests who suffer from motion sickness should take the appropriate medication in advance. Alaska State law requires a valid one-day fishing license, which can be purchased for US\$20 cash from your fishing boat captain along with a US\$10 cash king salmon stamp (during king season May-June). Four to six guests are placed per boat; six is the maximum number of guests allowed per boat. Guests should be able to walk up and down dock ramps with little assistance and be able to step aboard a bus and fishing boat with little assistance. Suitable for guests using a wheelchair with a companion to assist -- please advise tour operator in advance; not advisable for guests with mobility limitations. Not suitable for young children. A catch is not guaranteed. Your catch can be processed locally and shipped home at an additional charge (US destinations only; credit card payment accepted). Your catch will not be allowed on board the ship.

## Historic Sitka



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



3.9 out of 5

Value



3.6 out of 5

15 out of 19(79%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Several distinct periods of Alaskan history are preserved within the island community of Sitka -- from the early Native American civilization through the Russian Colonial period and the Pacific Theatre of World War II. Before the European colonists arrived in Alaska, Inuit, Aleut, Athabascan and Tlingit native groups lived off the land here.

The **Sheldon Jackson Museum** boasts the oldest collection of Native and Inuit artifacts in Alaska, showcasing the ingenuity and skill of the Native settlers living in a very unforgiving land.

Learn about the Russian colonial period that forever changed the lives of the native groups as you visit **Sitka National Historic Park** -- the site of the 1804 Battle of Alaska, signifying the beginning of the Russian colonial period in Sitka. A large collection of Tlingit and Haida **totems** is on display throughout the park grounds. As you leave the National Park you will learn about the time when Sitka was referred to as 'the Paris of the Pacific'.

Your route will take you past the Russian Bishop's house, Castle Hill, the Russian Blockhouse and site of the early Native Village. Crossing over O'Connell Bridge to **Japonski Island**, you'll see former buildings and barracks from World War II when Sitka was home to a PBY (Catalina) Aircraft Base.

Stop at **St Michael's Cathedral**, the 'Mother Cathedral of Orthodoxy for All of America', and step inside to see icons and priceless religious artwork dating back to the late 15th century. Hear the miraculous story of how this artwork was saved from the main street fire of 1966, which destroyed one third of downtown Sitka.

Your final stop is at **Centennial Hall** to watch the **New Archangel Dancers** performing dances from the original provinces of Russia. Enjoy a rousing show with authentic music and costumes of a bygone era. This is an excellent way to discover Sitka and identify other historic attractions to visit on your own during your call.



## Jet-Cat Wildlife Quest & Beach Exploration



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.4 out of 5

Value



4.2 out of 5

8 out of 10(80%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Combine luxury and excitement aboard an expedition **jetboat** as you search for whales, sea otters, puffins, bald eagles and even brown bear in pristine **Sitka Sound**. You'll also experience the rugged Alaskan coast from ashore on a remote island. Every tour is uniquely designed by the Captain, with the day's tides, weather and wildlife sightings in mind.

Enjoy animal encounters from the comfort of the spacious, window-lined cabin, or indulge all your senses from outside on deck.

The catamaran is fitted with a special bow-landing door to allow easy beach access. During your **beach adventure** discover colorful tide pools, follow wildlife tracks and explore the stunning beauty around you. Also, keep an eye out for Japanese fishing floats and other exotic flotsam deposited by mysterious ocean currents. An expert naturalist, dedicated crew and limited group size make this the ultimate Alaska close-up.

Enjoy a **gourmet snack** as you head back to Sitka in catamaran comfort, including full restroom and mini-galley.

Notes:

Minimum age is 8 years. Participants must be in good health and able to hike up to ½-mile over wet, uneven terrain. Wear sturdy shoes and dress warmly in layers, as this tour operates in all weather conditions. Rain poncho, binoculars, snacks and beverages are provided. Not suitable for wheelchairs. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.

## Otters, Raptors & Bears: Oh My!



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.4 out of 5

Value



4.2 out of 5

4 out of 5(80%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This unforgettable tour provides the opportunity to experience all three of Sitka's most popular wildlife viewing experiences.

Board a deluxe, waterjet-powered **catamaran** and set out to explore the marine wilderness to observe sea otters, whales, Steller sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals, brown bears, black-tail deer and a variety of marine birds. An on-board naturalist will explain the workings of this remarkable ecosystem as your skilled captain maneuvers the vessel to provide the best possible views.

Take a short coach ride to the renowned **Alaska Raptor Center**, where injured birds of prey, including the American bald eagle, receive medical treatment. A wildlife interpreter will guide you through the Bald Eagle Flight Center, and introduce you to some of the raptors-in-residence perched in outdoor habitats. Enjoy some **free time** to explore the river trail and use the interactive exhibits.

Your adventure continues with a narrated drive along a winding, coastal road to visit the **Fortress of the Bear** rescue facility at Silver Bay. Here, you can view and photograph brown bears up-close from a raised platform, and learn about an Alaskan family's dream -- offering a life-saving alternative for bears caught in conflict with their human neighbors.

You will have **free time** to explore beautiful **Sitka** on your own after the tour.

Notes:

The cruise portion of this tour guarantees you will observe sea otters, a whale, or a bear. If not, you'll receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark the Sea Otter & Wildlife Quest vessel. Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the boat's observation deck.

## Sea Otter & Wildlife Quest



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.7 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5

**48** out of **50(96%)** reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Join a cruise that **guarantees wildlife viewing** and offers the opportunity to observe sea otters, whales, sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals, brown bears, black-tail deer, bald eagles and a variety of marine birds. An on-board naturalist will explain the workings of this remarkable ecosystem. You'll also learn about the sea otters' recovery, following their near-extinction at the hands of Russian fur hunters in the early 1800s. The **water-jet-driven tour vessel** has been designed to navigate **Southeast Alaska's narrow island passages**, allowing for wildlife viewing at close range. The boat also features a warm cabin with enclosed seating, large windows and a topside observation deck for unparalleled photo opportunities and to fully experience your quest with all your senses.

Notes:

This tour operator guarantees you will see an otter, a whale or a bear. If not, you'll receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark the vessel. Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the observation deck. Wheelchair access may be difficult; please consult your cruise line shore excursion department before booking for details. Electric scooters cannot be accommodated.

## Sea Otter Quest & Alaska Raptor Center



Approximately 4¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



4.9 out of 5

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

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This excursion combines two of Sitka's most popular wildlife viewing experiences.

Board a deluxe, **water-jet-powered sightseeing vessel** and set out to explore the marine wilderness, to observe sea otters, whales, Steller sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals, brown bears, black-tail deer, and a variety of marine birds. An on-board naturalist will explain the workings of this remarkable ecosystem as your skilled captain maneuvers the vessel to provide the best possible views.

Returning to Sitka you will visit the renowned **Alaska Raptor Center**, where injured birds of prey receive medical treatment. A wildlife interpreter will guide you through the **Bald Eagle Flight Building**, and you will meet some of the birds perched in outdoor habitats. Browse in the gift area and bird exhibit tables before returning by motor coach to the pier.

Notes:

This tour operator guarantees you will see an otter, a whale or a bear. If not, you'll receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark the vessel. Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the observation deck, and to enjoy the outdoor bird habitat and rain forest trail at the Raptor Center.

**Notes:**

This tour operator guarantees you will see an otter, a whale or a bear. If not, you'll receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark the vessel. Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the observation deck, and to enjoy the outdoor bird habitat and rain forest trail at the Raptor Center.

*This excursion is led in English*

## Sea Otter Quest & Fortress of the Bear



Approximately 4¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.1 out of 5

Value



3.9 out of 5

**16** out of **18(89%)** reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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See the wild side of Alaska like never before on a special combination of wildlife viewing experience and the award-winning Sea Otter & Wildlife Quest.

Your adventure begins with a narrated drive along a winding, coastal road to visit the **Fortress of the Bear** rescue facility at Silver Bay. **Up-close brown bear viewing** in a created habitat is the emphasis here, as you learn of one Alaskan family's dream offering an alternative for bears caught in conflict with their human neighbors. Marvel at the ingenuity of reusing an abandoned wood pulp mill site to create a home for these awesome animals.

Back aboard your deluxe motor coach the journey continues as your driver/guide explains the dynamic living culture of today's Alaskans and how the original inhabitants of Southeast Alaska, both human and animal, have thrived here for thousands of years.

You'll cap off this exploration with a trip to the wild side when you embark a **boat** to set off on the Sea Otter & Wildlife Quest. Sea otters, whales, Steller sea lions, harbor seals, brown bears, Sitka black-tail deer and variety of marine birds may be observed in their natural habitat.

Each tour is unique, with an on-board naturalist and skilled captain providing a genuinely Alaskan experience.

Notes:

The tour operator guarantees you will see an otter, a whale, or a bear. If not, you'll receive a US \$100 cash refund at the end of the voyage. Electric scooters cannot be accommodated. Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the boat's observation deck, and to enjoy outdoor bird and bear habitats at the shoreside facilities.

## Signature Collection: Up-Close Exclusive Cruise Adventure



Approximately 3½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

1 out of 1(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Board a late model, 38-foot, expedition-style **catamaran** with a spacious, heated cabin, equipped with deluxe seating, a restroom and galley.

The **knowledgeable captain** is at your command for a wide choice of activities featuring a stunning variety of wildlife and soul-stirring coastal scenery. Large wrap-around windows and an expansive open-air deck facilitate viewing opportunities and a special bow-landing door allows easy beach access.

You choose the activity and the pace of your unique marine adventure as you indulge your senses and imagination on Sitka Sound's pristine, island-studded waters. Wildlife is plentiful here, and your captain has a profound knowledge of the preferred habitats and movement of whales, sea otters, sea lions, porpoise, seals, brown bears and bald eagles.

The captain also knows the best places to explore and photograph awe-inspiring volcanic formations, glacier-carved peaks, secluded passages and other natural wonders. Weather permitting, you may wish to circumnavigate the rugged coast of St Lazaria National Wildlife Refuge -- breeding ground for thousands of seabirds, including puffins, auklets and murre.

An expert **naturalist** will accompany you if you opt to go ashore on remote islands to beachcomb, explore tide pools, or just savor the peace of an untouched place.

Notes:

Dress warmly in layers. Wear sturdy shoes if you are planning to go ashore. Rain poncho, binoculars, snacks and beverages are provided. Maximum capacity is 6 guests. Only one person in the party needs

to order this excursion. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

## Sitka Bike & Hike



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



2.8 out of 5

Value



2.3 out of 5

2 out of 6(33%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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This **guided bike tour** of the south end of the Sitka road system is geared for those who want to see a part of Sitka that visitors rarely experience, get some exercise, and enjoy the fresh clean air. The tour focuses on the local history, lore, and fauna. The route closely follows the shore of the Pacific Ocean and overlooks stunning Silver Bay.

You will also **hike** to a beautiful lake, crossing an impressive waterfall, and enjoy beach and mountain views.

Expect a gently rolling **four-mile ride** and **one mile of hiking**. Water and a **snack** are provided.

Notes:

All riders are required to wear a helmet (provided). Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Storage is provided for items not needed for the tour. Rain gear, pants and jackets are provided when needed; tour operates rain or shine. Minimum height is 4 feet. Minimum age is 10 years. This is a non-smoking tour.

## Sitka Pedal & Pub Crawl



Approximately 2 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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Enjoy a city tour of **Sitka** in a down-home style. You'll ride through town on a specially designed **15-passenger bike**, pedaling your way through a comical tour of this quaint little fishing town. During your ride, you will visit some **pubs** to enjoy locally **crafted beers** as your guide shares a lively run-down of **Sitka's** history and fishing industry. From the Mariners Wall to the traditional Native Village, the Russian Memorial Cemetery, and the historic Sheldon Jackson Campus, the serious and silly sides of Sitka emerge.

Your guide is a local and loves to share what the Alaska lifestyle is really like. From dark winter days to long summer nights and living in a close-knit community, life in Alaska is truly different.

Your tour includes two local beers, but you can purchase up to two additional drinks, snacks and souvenirs if you wish.

Notes:

Minimum age is 21 years. Participants must not consume any alcohol prior to setting out on this excursion. Although participants will pedal to the pub, the bicycle is driven by your guide who is your designated driver.



## Sitka Summer Music Festival: An Exclusive Chamber Music Concert



Approximately 1¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

1 out of 1(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Sitka is home to the **Sitka Summer Music Festival**--a classical chamber music festival that has been bringing world-class musicians to Sitka for more than 40 years. Your ship sails too early for you to enjoy a traditional evening concert, so this excursion offers an exclusive chance for you to experience the magic of hearing the very same international professionals perform their works for just you and your fellow guests. Although your concert is held in an intimate setting, these musicians have performed these same works in front of thousands and in some of the finest concert halls in the world.

The Music Festival staff will meet you at the pier and accompany you on the short coach ride to **Stevenson Hall**, located on the historic former **Sheldon Jackson Campus**.

You will listen to a beautiful and memorable live **chamber music performance**. Tea or coffee and a light **snack** are served and you are invited to take advantage of a chance to talk with the musicians after the performance.

Return directly to the pier, or you may choose to visit the nearby museum and Totem Park, or take the short stroll along the waterfront back to downtown Sitka.

Notes:

Tour operates during the month of June only. Minimum age is 8 years. Coach transfers to and from Stevenson Hall are included. A short walk of about 20 yards over grass and gravel is required, and a set of six steps leads to the building (a wheelchair ramp is available). Seating is available immediately inside the building.

## Sitka's Great Adventure



Approximately 5½- 6 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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Sitka's Great Adventure is a multi-faceted tour. It incorporates an ocean-going boat ride, a visit to a residential floating house, a hike through old-growth National Forest and muskeg, and fishing or canoeing on a scenic lake. You adventure begins in Sitka. At Crescent Harbor, board a **boat** and depart for **Camp Coogan Bay**. Wildlife viewing during the 20-minute ride may include eagles, sea lions, sea otters, whales and a variety of sea birds. You'll be introduced to Sitka's natural, geological, and cultural history en route to your guide's residential floating house. This is where you will gear up for the hike. Then, it's a short ride across the bay to begin your **walk in the Tongass National Forest**. The first section is uphill through old-growth trees on trails that are not groomed but have been brushed out and widened. There are some slippery and steep areas with roots and downed trees to step over, as well as an open muskeg (boggy) area. You will reach the lake, which is stocked with small and abundant trout (not trophy size). **Fly fishing or spin casting** gear is provided for those who want to try their luck, along with bait and tackle.

Inflatable **canoes** and a small dock for launching invite you to paddle along the shoreline. Alternatively, hike around the lake or just hang out by the **campfire**. **Snacks and water** are provided here. You will spend 60 - 90 minutes at the lake; then, hike back to the floating house to gather your personal belongings, drop off the gear and **boat** back to Sitka. **Notes:**

For guests who would like to fish, a license must be purchased for \$20 cash. Some areas have steep terrain, occasionally slippery. Participants should be in good physical shape, and be prepared to hike an average of 45 minutes each way to and from the lake. Minimum age is 7 years. Rubber boots, backpacks and fishing gear are provided. Wear waterproof hiking shoes if you have them. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Fishing is catch-and-release.

Please note: Minimum age is 7 years.

## Tongass Rain Forest Nature Hike



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.4 out of 5

Value



4.2 out of 5

**16** out of **19(84%)** reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Bus transportation takes you to the trailhead of the **Starrigavin Muskeg Trail**. Set out from there **on foot** with a guide who is well versed in the flora, fauna, and history of Sitka and the surrounding area. Enjoy great mountain views (weather permitting) as your **hike** begins with a gradual ½-mile descent to Starrigavin Creek. From here, it is a ½-mile level boardwalk through the Starrigavin Estuary bird viewing area. Cross the road and begin the 1½-mile Mosquito Cove Loop Trail, gaining approximately 300 feet in elevation. Walk along the beach back to Old Sitka, where you will be transported back to the dock.

Notes:

Restrooms are available at the Starrigavin Estuary bird viewing area. The entire hike is potentially four miles in length and is for those who are in moderate shape; however, each group sets its own hiking pace, so the length of the hike may vary between two and four miles. Operates rain or shine. Rain gear and a water bottle are provided. Minimum age is 8 years. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. This is a non-smoking tour.

## Vino's Palette



Approximately 3 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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Paint! Drink! Enjoy! Come explore the artist in you while learning more about Sitka's unique artist community. At Sitka's **Wild Arts Studios**, everyone is an artist. The fine arts have been woven in to Sitka's culture since the early 1800s. In this three-hour class, your instructor will walk you through **creating your very own version of a beautiful Alaska-themed painting** step by step. There's no need for any previous artistic experience to participate in this lesson. As you paint, enjoy the amazing view of the ocean and mountains from the studio, with your friends, family and fellow cruisers in a super-relaxed, no pressure environment. A **glass of wine** and the scenery will help you to be creative and make beautiful things. Locally crafted beers are also available at the bar. The Wild Arts Studio includes a working **glass studio**, which you will be invited to view. Take your painting home with you or let the staff at the Wild Arts Studio deliver it to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum age is 21 years. Shipping and framing are also available at an additional cost. Two beverages are included. Snacks are available for purchase.

## Volcano Coast Exploration by Ocean Raft



Approximately 2½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.8 out of 5

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

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An **ocean rafting adventure** is the perfect way to make your visit to Sitka exciting and unforgettable.

Welcome to this world filled with the sights, sounds and smells of the ocean. This is an intimate glimpse of Alaska's wild splendor that will excite your senses and leave you with lasting memories.

Before you begin, you will be equipped with state-of-the-art gear for this extreme adventure. Don an exposure suit, a balaclava, safety glasses and gloves. Traveling at up to 50 mph, the ocean raft gets you out into nature quickly with a blast of fresh air. Specially designed straddle seats provide comfortable and secure seating for this exciting trip out into nature.

This thrill-ride takes you offshore into ocean waters to explore the ravaged **volcanic coastline** of Kruzof Island. This area makes for excellent photographic opportunities and is home to a variety of wildlife. It is not uncommon to spot whales, sea otters, Steller sea lions and sea birds, as well as brown bears and Sitka black-tail deer, from the raft. You will get close to the towering cliffs of St Lazaria Island -- a National Wildlife Refuge -- where sea birds nest.

In a volcanic **sea cave** (weather permitting), the captain will stop the boat and shut down the engine so you can listen to the surf crashing off of volcanic cliffs and the song of nesting seabirds or for whales breathing.

Notes:

Minimum age is 9 years. Participants must be able to climb into and out of the raft. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed. Ride will be bumpy. Pregnant women or guests with back, hip or neck problems are not allowed to participate.

## Wild Arts Artist Walk: Hot Italian Glass



Approximately 2½ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.8 out of 5

Value



4.6 out of 5

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

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Once known as the Paris of the Pacific, **Sitka** has a long history of cultivating the fine arts, and it all started with **Venetian glassblowing**. Explore a side of Sitka's culture that not many expect to find in Southeast Alaska. **Stroll** through the city with your guide, pausing to check out a few of the **galleries** as well as taking in some demonstrations of crafts such as silver and wood carving, ceramics and jewelry making. Finally, you'll arrive at the **Wild Arts Gallery & Studio**, where you can watch as the artists demonstrate the making of beautiful glass canes. You'll also have the opportunity to gently stretch, twist and pull **a colorful cane of your own**. Afterwards, take advantage of some **free time** to browse in the gallery, perhaps picking up one of the many unique pieces that have been inspired by Sitka's natural beauty.

Notes:

Minimum age is 14 years.

## Wilderness Sea Kayaking Adventure



Approximately 3 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.6 out of 5

Value



4.4 out of 5

12 out of 15(80%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Embark on an exhilarating three-hour adventure along the ruggedly beautiful Alaska coastline. Take a scenic cruise via motorized **Seahawk craft** to a floating kayak base camp tucked away in a picturesque cove.

Listen to some safety instructions then hop into your two-person kayak and cast off in a small group. Follow your knowledgeable guide through tranquil waterways and learn about the spectacular marine environment that surrounds you. Paddle through mazes of reef and kelp forest filled with colorful marine life. Glide past lush, coastal rain forest to view the area's abundant wildlife. You may spot playful sea lions, soaring eagles, brown bears or even Sitka black-tail deer. Keep a keen eye out during your journey, as you may be lucky enough to also see a spouting whale during migration season.

Upon your return to the floating base camp, enjoy a hot beverage and **snack** of clam chowder and crackers before returning to the pier.

Notes:

Tour operates in all weather conditions. Use of rain gear and life jacket included. Wear warm clothing. Minimum weight is 40 lbs; maximum weight is 250 lbs. No prior paddling experience necessary. Wildlife sightings are likely but are not guaranteed.