

**ALASKA**

ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE, BEARS AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS (SOUTHBOUND)

 (TOUR CODE: 12209)**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

19 Jul 24 & 01 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Cultural
Wildlife

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Immerse yourself in this expedition cruise to the isolated islands of the Bering Sea and through the majestic landscapes of Alaska.

Highlights

- Travel to the remote Aleutian Islands, experience the wonders of Misty Fjords and Icy Bay and explore the stunning coastline of British Columbia.
- Expedition cruise to the isolated islands of the Bering Sea, through the majestic landscapes of Alaska and Canada's Inside Passage.
- Learn about the region's native Aleut, Alutiiq and Tlingit peoples
- Spot rare McKay's Bunting, Pribilof Sandpipers and Red-legged Kittiwakes on St Paul and St Matthew Islands, and Bald Eagles in Chignik.

Starting in Nome, you will visit the unspoiled Pribilof Islands before travelling the North Pacific coast to the Aleutian Islands and onto Canada's Inside Passage, looking for bears, Bald Eagles and other incredible wildlife along the way. In true expedition style, you'll go small boat cruising at Katmai National Park, around the glaciers of Icy Bay, and in Misty Fjord.

Learn about the region's native Aleut, Alutiiq and Tlingit peoples, the gold rush era in Nome, WWII history of Dutch Harbour, the Russian and American influenced Sitka and historic Wrangell, where you'll experience fascinating cultures on the way to Vancouver.

INCLUSIONS

- 16 nights Polar Outside Cabin onboard Hurtigruten
- 1 night in Vancouver at the Sheraton Wall Centre
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard Hurtigruten
- Flight in economy class from Vancouver to Nome
- Transfer from hotel to airport in Vancouver
- Transfer from airport to ship in Nome
- Range of included activities onboard Hurtigruten
- Escorted landings with small expedition boats
- English-speaking Expedition Team onboard Hurtigruten
- Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket
- Loan of boots, trekking poles, and all equipment for activities

ITINERARY

Ship Onboard MS Roald Amundsen - Polar Outside Cabin

MS Roald Amundsen is a state-of-the-art vessel featuring new environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and that offers premium expedition comfort.

The stunning scenery is reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool are used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside cabins, of which 50% have private balconies, and aft suites feature private outdoor hot tubs with spectacular views.

One of the most eye-catching exterior design features is the two-level indoor/outdoor Observation Deck. It is an ideal place to scan the scenery and watch for wildlife with your binoculars.

The **Polar Outside cabins** are primarily on the middle decks with windows, most are spacious, have flexible sleeping arrangements and TV for excellent and high standard accommodation. Can accommodate two to four passengers.

**MS Roald Amundsen will set sail on July 17, 2023.*



POLAR OUTSIDE CABIN | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / AGURTUXANE CONCELLON

Ship Onboard MS Fridtjof Nansen - Polar Outside Cabin

MS Fridtjof Nansen is one of the newest custom-built ships—and the next generation expedition ship that will explore some of the world's most stunning regions.

The stunning scenery will be reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool will be used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside, 50 % will have private balconies, aft suites will feature private outdoor hot tubs with spectacular views.

MS Fridtjof Nansen's three restaurants will host a variety of dining options, with menus drawn from our rich Norwegian and Nordic tradition, as well as international cuisine and local inspiration.

The **Polar Outside Cabins** are primarily on the middle decks with windows, most are spacious, have flexible sleeping arrangements and TV for excellent and high standard accommodation. Can accommodate two to four passengers.

**MS Fridtjof Nansen will set sail on September 06, 2023.*



POLAR OUTSIDE CABIN | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN

Day 1

Vancouver

The expedition cruise starts with an overnight stay in Vancouver, a bustling and beautiful seaport set among steep mountains and English Bay. Vancouver's various neighbourhoods buzz with world-class, farm-to-table cuisine. Don't miss Gastown, Vancouver's Victorian neighbourhood. Here you'll find the 553-foot Vancouver Lookout, which offers a perfect 360-degree panorama over the city.

Overnight stay in Vancouver at the **Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel**.



AERIAL OF VANCOUVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION VANCOUVER / ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day 2 Vancouver Nome

You'll start the day flying from Vancouver to Nome in Alaska. Nome was the end point of three of Roald Amundsen's great polar expeditions, including an aircraft attempt to reach the North Pole in 1926. A fitting place to board our expedition ship – MS Roald Amundsen – and embark on an epic adventure.

Prospectors first came to Nome in 1898, and people still hunt for gold here today. Famous sheriff Wyatt Earp even opened a saloon here. You'll see evidence of the gold rush all around, including abandoned dredges, turn-of-the-century steam engines and old railroad tracks, lending the town a unique atmosphere.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Dinner



NORTON SOUND NOME | CREDIT: STATE OF ALASKA / MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day 3 Bering Sea

As you cruise the Bering Sea, you'll have Russia to the east and the United States to the west. You'll also cross the

International Date Line, where 'tomorrow' is on your right, and 'today' is on your left.

Natural wonders abound here so keep an eye out for humpback whales, and spot seabirds wheeling through the skies.

Enjoy a day at sea relaxing on board. The Expedition Team will host lectures and prepare you for your Alaskan adventure. Begin your journey of discovery in the Science Center. Or just unwind in the pool, spa or hot tubs.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



SCIENCE CENTRE ABOARD ROALD AMUNDSEN | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / OSCAR FARRERA

Day **4**

St Matthew Island

Part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, 200 miles from the nearest village, St Matthew Island is wild, remote and isolated. A few hardy souls have tried – and failed – to make a home here. You can see traces of abandoned buildings between black sand beaches and wildflower-dotted tundra.

Today, the only inhabitants are birds, including thousands of puffins, murres and cormorants. If you're lucky on our included nature landing, you'll catch sight of the rare McKay's bunting, which breeds almost exclusively here. And listen out for the sound of the singing vole, named after its unusual warning cry.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / ASHTON RAY HANSEN

Day **5**

St Paul

The windswept island of St Paul is home to the largest Aleut community in the US, numbering around 400. You can visit the historical remains of *barabaras* here – traditional dwellings built half underground to protect against the sea winds.

St Paul is also designated an Important Bird Area. Around 300 species of migrating birds use it as a resting point. Keep a lookout for Horned and Tufted Puffins, the Pribilof Sandpiper and the rare Red-legged Kittiwake.

By the shore, you'll also find northern fur seals waddling and playing – half the world's population of these charming animals live on these islands.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ALASKA WILDLIFE | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA

Day **6**

At Sea

Part of being on an expedition is taking time out to connect with the sights and sounds of the world around you. A day at sea lets you do just that. Sit back and take in the panoramic views from our Explorer Lounge, or enjoy the scenery glides by from the infinity pool or the outdoor hot tubs.

Keep scanning the seas and skies for puffins, auklets, and murrelets, especially closer to the coast. If you're lucky, you might glimpse the Red-legged Kittiwake, only found in this part of the world.

You'll learn more about the region's geography, climate and birdlife from the Expedition Team in the Science Center and in their daily lecture programme.

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Day **7**

Dutch Harbor

With a volcano as its backdrop, America's largest fishing port Dutch Harbor is a fascinating place to visit. You'll be able to explore to the full with your included hop-on, hop-off shuttle ticket.

Learn about the local indigenous Unangan people at the Museum of the Aleutians. Visit the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, or tour the WWII Museum commemorating the 1942 battle that took place here.

Scout for Bald Eagles and puffins in the skies. Foxes, lemmings and wild horses thrive on land and whales, sea lions and porpoises in the waters. Dutch Harbor is where reality television series 'The Deadliest Catch' was filmed, following crab fishers at work under extreme conditions.

Overnight stay onboard in **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DUTCH HARBOUR | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / ASHTON RAY HANSEN

Day 8

Unga

Wild and deserted, Unga Village is a picturesque, abandoned Alaskan town on the southern end of Unga Island in the remote Aleutian Islands.

It was settled by Aleuts in 1833 but was abandoned in 1969 as subsistence fishing proved insufficient to support living here. Today, the handful of wooden buildings that remain are the only evidence that people once lived here.

Pink lousewort, a carpet of wildflowers, and fireweed surround the abandoned shacks as nature has gradually taken over. If weather permits, we'll explore that nature on our included landing.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Chignik

Our expedition cruise continues to Chignik – where the Aleutian Mountains meet the Gulf of Alaska. You'll want to head out to the local salmon streams for some fantastic photo opportunities.

An included visit to this small fishing village gives you the chance to learn more about everyday life, where red salmon fishing has supported the local economy for over a century. Stop in at the fish factory or have a chat with the friendly locals at the dock.

This area is a treat for birdwatchers. More than 20 different species of waterfowl thrive in the area. Mighty Bald Eagles roam the skies here, so make sure to bring your binoculars.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CHIGNIK | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / ASHTON RAY HANSEN

Day 10 Katmai

The bear spotting continues today in the four million acre Katmai National Park, with over a dozen active volcanoes. Katmai is home to communities of brown bears, and more than 2,000 protected grizzly bears – the largest concentration in the world.

Accompanied by an experienced bear guard, we'll be safely scouting for grizzlies from on deck or in small expedition boats. The bears might be foraging for berries, diving for clams, or catching fish in the stream.

Depending on conditions, we'll either visit Geographic Harbor, Kinak Bay or Kukak Bay. Keep your eyes open for sea otters, seabirds and humpback whales too.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



KATMAI | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / ASHTON RAY HANSEN

Day 11 Kodiak Island

Spruce forests and grasslands earned Kodiak Island its nickname: 'the Emerald Isle'. It's the second largest island in the US, which means there's plenty to see.

You'll discover the island's rich indigenous heritage at the Alutiiq Museum. Visit the 1808 Baranov Museum, the oldest standing building in the state. Your included excursion today takes you to Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park, with its strategic WWII 1939 naval fort and bunkers.

The island's most famous inhabitants though are the Kodiak bears. Around 3,500 of these mighty creatures live in Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, which covers two thirds of the island.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 12 Gulf of Alaska

Our cruise continues across the Gulf of Alaska. It's the ideal time to enjoy onboard facilities like the infinity pool and hot tubs or sauna. Hit the gym, go for a run, or enjoy a massage in the spa.

In the Science Center, the Expedition Team invite you to join lectures about the region's wildlife, geology, glaciology, history and culture, preparing for our next landings.

Relax in the Explorer Lounge and share a drink with your fellow shipmates or just enjoy the view. See if you can spot all three species of North Atlantic albatross. Laysan and Black-footed Albatrosses are fairly common but Short-tailed Albatrosses are a rare sight.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



AUNE | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / AGURTAXNE CONCELLON

Day 13 Icy Bay

You'll experience an amazing expedition day in Icy Bay today. Three glaciers – Guyot, Yahtse and Tyndall – regularly calve into the bay. If conditions allow, the Expedition Team will take you ashore on the 34-mile-long, 8-mile-wide Guyot Glacier or you can explore in kayaks on an optional excursion.

Wildlife abounds in the Gulf of Alaska, offering unrivalled photography opportunities. Humpback whales, orcas, Stellar sea lions, sea otters and harbour seals lazing on floating chunks of ice, can be seen in these waters. Our onboard photographer is ready with expert tips on how to get the best from your camera.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ICY BAY | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / OSCAR FARRERA

Day 14 Sitka

Surrounded by Tongass National Forest, Sitka is only accessible by sea and air. Get out on deck for stunning views of the

Sisters Mountains and Mount Edgecumbe Volcano.

Discover Sitka's fascinating history with our Expedition Team. Inhabited by the Tlingit for 10,000 years, it was occupied by Russia in 1804, before being sold to America after the Crimean War. Today, Sitka blends all three cultures.

Visit the Russian Orthodox cathedral and Russian Bishop's House. Sitka National Historic Park is a real highlight, where you'll see ornate Haida and Tlingit totem poles. Or enjoy a walking trail through the forest to the ocean.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



SITKA | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / ASHTON RAY HANSEN

Day 15 Wrangell

Our cruise of the Alaskan islands takes us to Wrangell. A mile out of town you'll find the ancient rock carvings of Petroglyph Beach. Bring paper and take some stone rubbings as a unique souvenir. Learn more about Wrangell's fascinating past in the local museum. Now part of the US, it's been governed by Britain, Russia and the Tlingit people. On Shakes Island, the Chief Shakes Tribal House and totem poles tell the Tlingit story. Your visit includes a trip on the waters in our small expedition boats. On land, hikers will enjoy the nature trails from Stikine River and Mount Dewey to the rainforest.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



WRANGELL | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / OSCAR FARRERA

Day 16 Misty Fjords

Part of the Tongass National Forest, Misty Fjords is a pristine wilderness of evergreens, waterfalls and snow-capped peaks. Influential mountaineer John Muir described it as one of the most beautiful places he'd ever seen. Weather permitting, you'll join the Expedition Team to tour Misty Fjords on small expedition boats or take kayaks out for an optional excursion.

Look out for mountain goats, bears and moose. In the water, you'll find Pacific salmon, along with otters, sea lions, harbour seals, orcas and Dall porpoises. And look skywards for hummingbirds, herons and Bald Eagles.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



MISTY FJORDS | CREDIT: OSCAR FARRERA

Day 17 Canada's Inside Passage

Our smaller style of expedition ships give you an unrivalled intimate experience of the protected North American Pacific Fjordland. As we navigate the lesser-travelled channels, you'll get close to the beautiful and fascinating scenery. Keep your

binoculars close at hand. As always, there's plenty to see and learn in the Science Center, with insightful lectures from your Expedition Team, and opportunities to swap memories of your adventures. This is also a great time to wind down, with a little pampering in the spa or sitting up on deck with your new-found friends as the stunning scenery slips by.

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Day **18** Vancouver

Our expedition ends upon arrival into Vancouver.

ACCOMMODATION

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

Vancouver

The Sheraton Wall Centre Downtown Vancouver Hotel is the perfect location for strolling scenic Robson Street and Yaletown or making connections in the nearby business and financial districts. Whatever your plans are, you'll find a feeling of welcome unlike any other at one of the best Vancouver hotels.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

LOCAL CURRENCY

USD

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Optional shore excursions with Hurtigruten's local partners
- Optional small-group activities with Hurtigruten's Expedition Team
- Optional treatments in the onboard wellness and spa area