Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

* Tails, Talons, and Totem Poles *

JUNE 21-28, 2019
Featuring Professor Dan Hayes, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Dear Spartans,

Join us for a summertime expedition through some of nature’s more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska’s Inside Passage aboard the 66-passenger Admiralty Dream.

Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader. Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature’s amazing show.

Space is limited. With significant savings of up to $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you. Reserve today online at msu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 636-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Go Green,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association

Featuring Special Faculty Leader: Professor Dan Hayes

Dan Hayes is a Professor in Michigan State University’s Department of Fisheries and Wildlife as part of the Partnership for Ecosystem Research and Management. At MSU he focuses on cooperative research with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on quantitative aspects of fish habitat and population dynamics. His principle research emphasis is on linking fish population dynamics with habitat quality. Dan currently teaches an introduction to field techniques in fisheries and wildlife. Dan has had the privilege of leading MSU’s study abroad program to Antarctica four times.

Please note: A minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by TBD, 2018 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Southeast Alaska

Aboard the nimble, 66-passenger Admiralty Dream, you’ll have access to the breathtaking byways of Alaska’s Inside Passage.

With skilled naturalists by your side, you’ll encounter magnificent peaks and fjords, and ice-blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions—while learning about the traditions of Alaska’s indigenous cultures.
Your 8-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

Day 1: Arrive in Juneau – Embarkation (D)
Alaska State Museum, Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 2: Icy Strait / Chichagof Island (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife viewing
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 3: Glacier Bay National Park (B,L,D)
Dynamic glaciers, ranger and cultural presentations
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 4: Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife and glacier viewing
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 5: Petersburg / Frederick Sound (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, Petersburg tour, hike
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 6: Eastern Baranof Island / Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
Hidden Falls Hatchery
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 7: Lake Eva (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, hike, farewell dinner
Overnight: Admiralty Dream

Day 8: Sitka – Disembarkation (B)

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, typically not strenuous for guests with average mobility, including skiff rides, hiking, and kayaking. Walks and hikes are at a leisurely pace in order to see and learn as much as possible about the region. It’s our expectation that guests are able to walk with good balance, and go up and down stairs easily without assistance.

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Program Highlights (subject to change)

• See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded coves and inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the Admiralty Dream, or aboard its skiffs and kayaks.

• Accompanied by two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.

• Learn about Alaska’s culture and living history during a visit to the Alaska State Museum and from a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide at Glacier Bay National Park.

• Take a guided tour of the Norwegian town of Petersburg.

• Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you’ll learn about Chum, Chinook, and Coho salmon.

• Alongside a Park Ranger, cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve to see the sanctuary’s deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.

• What’s included: 7 nights aboard the Admiralty Dream; all excursions and presentations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners; beverages including complimentary beer and wine with lunch and dinner; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, drivers and porters; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Alaska is simply gorgeous, but viewing it with an Orbridge Expedition Leader at your side is another thing altogether. While watching humpback whales off the bow, your Expedition Leader will offer expert descriptions of mammals’ “bubble net” form of social feeding. Kayaking together, you will observe animals like Dall’s porpoises and Alaska’s brown bears. Watch and learn the secrets of Alaska’s wild beauty—you will be amazed.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: Arrive in Fairbanks (R)
Welcome reception

Day +2: Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park (B,D)
Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center and the Murie Science and Learning Center; special dinner event

Day +3: Denali National Park (B)
Participate in optional excursions or enjoy leisure activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks

Day +4: Denali National Park Wilderness Excursion (B,L)
Exclusive Orbridge backcountry adventure with a naturalist guide

Day +5: Denali National Park / Talkeetna / Anchorage (B,L)
Travel to Anchorage by motor coach, Anchorage Museum

Day +6: Depart Anchorage / Arrive Juneau / Day 1 of Main Program (B)

Optional Excursions:
Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation: A behind-the-scenes look at championship Alaskan Huskies and their training with Iditarod, four-time winner, Jeff King.
Denali Glacier Landing Flight: A 100-minute plane tour of Denali, viewing the continent’s deepest gorge, glaciers, surrounding peaks and valleys and a landing on one of Denali’s pristine glaciers.
Arctic Circle Flight Tour: This 6-hour tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and visit to Coldfoot Camp.

Not all excursions listed may be available. Availability is also subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability and group interests. For flight excursions, weight and minimum age requirements apply.

Highlights & Inclusions

• Experience a historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska.
• Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.
• Be on the lookout for vast wildlife including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.
• Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with a trained naturalist.
• Listen to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.
• Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.
• Visit Talkeetna before arriving in Anchorage to stroll through Alaska’s largest museum.
• What’s included: One night accommodation at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks, three nights accommodations at the Grande Denali Lodge, and one night accommodation at Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage each with breakfast each morning (accommodations subject to change); transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service including seating in the upper level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, and breakfast (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages); a special dinner featuring a presentation by a Murie Science and Learning Center science educator; guided Denali backcountry tour with lunch; deluxe motor coach transport to Talkeetna and Anchorage with lunch; Anchorage Museum Tour; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all gratuities; and transfers between hotels and airport upon arrival and departure during the suggested times.
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JUNE 21-28, 2019
Denali Pre-Tour: June 16-21, 2019

Option 1: Reserve online now at msu.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.
Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name: _______________________________________________ Class Year: ___________
Email: _______________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________
Guest #2 Name: _______________________________________________ Class Year: ___________
Email: _______________________________________________________
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Category Preference: 1st choice ______________________________________________ 2nd choice _______________________________

DEPOSIT:
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +
# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ _______________________

DENALI PRE-TOUR OPTIONSALs (added to your final invoice):
# _________ guests joining Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation ($65/adult)
# _________ guests joining Denali Glacier Landing Flight ($565/person)
# _________ guests joining Arctic Circle Flight Tour ($530/person)

Participants’ dressed weight: Guest #1 _____________ Guest #2 _____________ (for flights only; to balance the aircraft)

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
Check Enclosed Online Check/ACH MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover
Card #: ___________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: _______
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We have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my deposit for this program.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:
Orbridge
P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be sent to you with your confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Association. For more information, contact Orbridge at (866) 639-0079 or you may call the MSU Alumni Association at (888) 697-2863.

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advance payments, payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and option(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made fewer than 90 days prior to departure, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and option(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.”

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Denali Pre-Tour: $2,995*
Single Pre-Tour: $3,695
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Special Alumni Rate: **Save up to $1,000**
per couple

When you reserve by TBD, 2018**

The Association is not the Tour Operator.
The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or car rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control.

The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, governmental intervention or other causes beyond its control.

The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure; in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person's health, actions or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour.

Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.