

# Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

## **Alaska's Inside Passage** **September 4 to 12, 2021**

Learn about Alaska's natural treasures as we cruise past carpets of rain forest aboard the *MV Alaskan Dream* with Professor Elizabeth Hadly. Witness the "calving" of Margerie Glacier in Glacier Bay and cruise along the 4,000-foot-high cliffs of Tracy Arm Fjord. Learn about the indigenous communities in Alaska as we walk along a forest path lined with totem poles to a Haida longhouse, visit the only Tsimshian village in the United States, and meet with a Tlingit naturalist. Throughout our voyage, we'll encounter the incredible wildlife that call this place home. Watch for breaching humpback whales in the waters of Frederick Sound, and keep an eye out for bears and moose while traveling by skiff along a pristine shoreline.

### **FACULTY LEADER**

**ELIZABETH A. HADLY** is the faculty director of Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, a senior fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment, and a professor of biology and of geological sciences (by courtesy)—all at Stanford University. Professor Hadly and her lab conduct research throughout the Americas, Asia and Africa on the ecology and evolution of vertebrates. She is especially interested in the role that environmental change exerts on the biodiversity of mammals around the world. During our program, Professor Hadly will discuss how space and time acts to assemble biodiversity and how it erodes, using the Pacific coast of North America as the stage.

#### Stanford positions:

- Faculty director, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, since 2016
- Professor, biology and, by courtesy, geological and environmental sciences, since 2010
- Paul S. and Billie Achilles Chair of Environmental Biology, since 2012
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Yeung Bass Fellow in Undergraduate Education, since 2015
- Senior fellow, Woods Institute for the Environment, since 2010
- Senior fellow, Center for Innovation in Global Health, Stanford School of Medicine, since 2015

#### Academic history:

- BA, anthropology, 1981, University of Colorado
- MS, quaternary science, 1990, Northern Arizona University
- PhD, integrative biology, 1995, UC-Berkeley

### **ITINERARY**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SITKA, ALASKA

Our journey begins in Sitka, located on the west side of Baranof Island in the Inside Passage. Flanked by majestic snow-capped mountains to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west, this picturesque

community is a fascinating mix of native Tlingit, Russian, and American culture. Meet fellow travelers and staff at this evening's welcome reception and dinner. WESTMARK SITKA HOTEL (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SITKA / EMBARK

This morning learn about Sitka's rich history in visits to the Sheldon Jackson Museum and St. Michael's Cathedral. Stroll through the National Historical Park along forest trails lined with spectacular totem poles collected throughout Alaska. Board the MV *Alaskan Dream*, our home for the next seven nights. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

SAGINAW BAY / KAKE

After breakfast and our first lecture, enjoy a kayak or D.I.B. inflatable boat excursion along the secluded coastline of Saginaw Bay on northern Kuiu Island. Later today, visit the Native village of Kake for an introduction to the intriguing culture of the Tlingit. Meet with tribal members to discuss their approach to preserving Native cultural traditions and their subsistence lifestyle. See the world's largest totem pole and watch a carving demonstration. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

PETERSBURG

Petersburg was founded more than 100 years ago by Norwegian fishermen, and nicknamed Alaska's "Little Norway." Tlingits used the area as a summer fish camp for hundreds of years prior to the arrival of European immigrants in the late 1800s. It is now the home port of one of the most productive and diverse commercial fishing fleets in Alaska. Experience the region's Scandinavian influence during a folk dance show and learn more about Tlingit culture as we explore this vibrant community. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FREDERICK SOUND / HOBART BAY

Frederick Sound is the feeding ground for hundreds of humpback whales. Humpbacks are famous for behaviors that create incredible viewing and photography opportunities, including tail lobbing, lunge feeding, pectoral slapping, breaching and dives that showcase their massive flukes. Spend the afternoon in secluded Hobart Bay. Enjoy kayaking, hiking, or using the RTVs (like Zodiacs) and Zegos (pontoons with a modest outboard engine), which are stored here for our exclusive use. Our local interpreters describe medicinal plants on the island and tell stories about wilderness living that have been passed down for generations. Return to the *Alaskan Dream* for dinner. MV ALASKAN DREAM (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

TRACY ARM / ORCA POINT LODGE

Journey through Tracy Arm Fjord, an area that naturalist John Muir referred to as "a wild, unfinished Yosemite." This glacial fjord is renowned for its pristine waterfalls, towering icebergs, abundant harbor seals and granite cliffs that rise from sea level to 4,000 feet. The unique features of Tracy Arm, 32 miles long but averaging just a mile wide, are confined to a small geographical area, adding to the dramatic beauty of the area. As ice conditions permit, we'll navigate the entire length of the fjord, stopping to take in the view of Sawyer and South Sawyer Glaciers. D.I.B. inflatable boat excursions bring us up-close to the dramatic shoreline. End the day's adventure with a relaxing evening at Orca Point Lodge, the

ship's exclusive day lodge on Colt Island. Dine on Alaskan salmon, Alaskan king crab or prime rib from the warmth of the lodge or nestled next to a beachside bonfire. MV *ALASKAN DREAM* (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

GLACIER BAY

Spend today in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, a treasure trove of natural wonders. It's home to glaciers and snowcapped mountains and is teeming with wildlife, including brown and black bears, Steller sea lions, mountain goats, whales and birds—more than 250 species of birds have been recorded in Glacier Bay National Park. One of today's highlights is the Margerie Glacier, known for its dramatic calving displays. Watching from our ship's sun deck, experience "white thunder" as immense spires of ice separate from a glacier and crash into the tidal waters. Joining us for the day to enrich our experience on one of the world's most fascinating bodies of water are a Glacier Bay National Park service ranger and a native Huna Tlingit interpretive naturalist. MV *ALASKAN DREAM* (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

INIAN ISLANDS

This morning, visit the Inian Islands Institute, a stunningly beautiful area, and site of a non-profit organization started by Stanford alumni whose mission is to educate and inspire rising environmental leaders (pending confirmation). MV *ALASKAN DREAM* (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

JUNEAU / DISEMBARK / HOME

Transfer to the airport for flights to the Lower 48. (B)

*NOTE: Due to the expeditionary nature of our voyage, the ship's schedule may change to adapt to the vagaries of weather and ice.*

## INFORMATION

### Covid-19 and Travel

With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

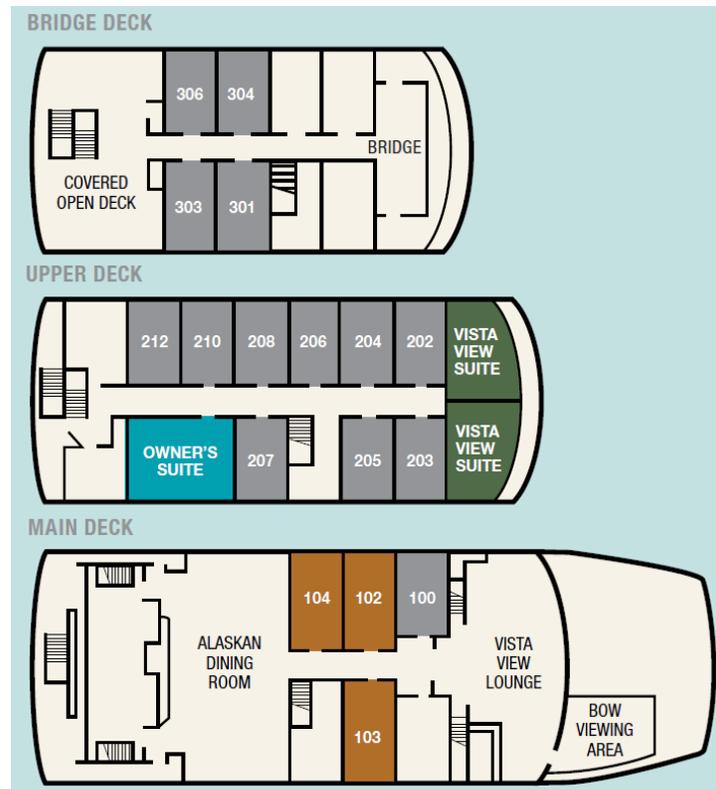
### Size

This trip requires a minimum of 20 participants and is limited to 32. Travel/Study is committed to providing a low-density experience on all programs and will implement protocols to do so, including social distancing on transportation as well as during lectures, meals and excursions. Single accommodations are limited—please call for availability.

### About our Ship

At 104 feet in length, the MV *Alaskan Dream* features an innovative, streamlined catamaran design that allows the vessel to easily navigate narrow channels and passages. All 20 cabins have extra-large viewing windows. The Vista View Lounge offers spectacular views of the scenery, ports and wildlife as our ship forges its way along coasts and into bays, fjords and sounds. The ship is chartered exclusively for our small Stanford group, and its eight-member crew and state-of-the-art hygiene measures make it ideal for travel in 2021. The crew is tested for Covid-19 before each sailing; and the ship is equipped with

MERV 13 HVAC filters and with windows and doors that allow exterior ventilation in the main lounge.  
Our itinerary focuses on outdoor activities in low-density wilderness areas.



**Cost\***

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

Category	Cabin Description	Double	Single
A	Cabin on Bridge, Upper or Main Deck with one queen bed or twin beds, picture window, wardrobe and private bathroom with shower. Approx. 104 sq. ft.	\$11,295	\$13,995
AA	Cabin on Main Deck with one queen bed or two twin beds, large picture window, wardrobe and private bathroom with shower. Approx. 120 sq. ft.	\$11,795	N/A
Vista View	Suite on Upper Deck with one queen bed, side and forward large picture windows, wardrobe, sitting area and private bathroom with shower. Approx. 147 sq. ft.	\$14,795	N/A
Owner's	Owner's Suite on Upper Deck with one queen bed, large picture windows, wardrobe, sitting area and private bathroom with shower. Approx. 208 sq. ft.	\$15,195	N/A

\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person

### **Included**

- 1 night of hotel accommodation in Sitka
- 7-night cruise aboard the MV *Alaskan Dream*
- 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

### **Not Included**

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

### **Air Arrangements**

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

### **What to Expect**

We consider this program to be moderately active. Participants should be prepared to walk over uneven ground for up to two miles. During the cruise, many excursions and landings require guests to board inflatable boats. Bear in mind that weather in Alaska can change quickly, especially in the parks and reserves. Travelers will have ample opportunity to take in the beautiful Alaskan scenery from the comfort of our ship. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Deposit, Payments and Cancellations**

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Deposits and any payments are fully refundable until 90 days prior to departure.

After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place is resold, in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

### **Insurance**

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

### **Eligibility**

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit [alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership](http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership).

### **Responsibility**

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motorcoach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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