Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

8 DAYS OF NORTHERN WONDERS

*Tails, Talons, and Totem Poles*

AUGUST 10-17, 2018
Special Traveling Aggies Rate
SAVE UP TO $1,000 per couple
Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends next summer for an 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.

This program also offers an optional pre-extension to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Mt. Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay in a hilltop lodge with panoramic views located inside the park, and learn how this magnificent area became one of our nation’s most breathtaking conservation areas.

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 http://texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ’em,

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs

**Free Expedition Library**

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **November 3, 2017**, 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 Admilalty 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.
Program Highlights

- 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.

Your 8-Day Itinerary*

**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)

Optional Extension: Denali National Park pre-tour 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.

*Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.
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.
Optional Pre-Tour Extension
Denali National Park


Extension Itinerary*

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 naturalist guide

Day 5: Denali National Park / Alaska Railroad / Anchorage (B,L,D)
Travel to Anchorage by rail

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.

Extension Highlights

• 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.

• 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 (accommodations subject to change) with breakfast each morning; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including seating in the upper level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, breakfast (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages) during the Fairbanks to Denali segment, and lunch and dinner (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages) during the Denali to Anchorage segment; a special dinner featuring a presentation by a Murie Science and Learning Center science educator; guided Denali backcountry tour with lunch; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all gratuities; and transfers between hotels and airport upon arrival and departure during the suggested times.

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.

Early Reservation Bonus:
See reverse for details.
Option 1: Reserve online now at http://texas-am.orbridge.com or call (800) 633-7514.

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: ____________________________
Guest #2 Name: ____________________________ Class Year: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Email: ____________________________________________ Phone: __________________ Alt. Phone: __________________
Category Preference: 1st choice __________________________ 2nd choice __________________________

Deposit:
(#) _______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) _______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ ________________

Denali Extension Optionals (added to your final invoice):
(#) _______ guests joining Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation ($62/adult)
(#) _______ guests joining Denali Glacier Landing Flight ($524/person)
(#) _______ guests joining Arctic Circle Flight Tour ($499/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: __________
Name (as printed on card): ____________________________________________
Billing address (if different from above):
City: __________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ________________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:
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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
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What Guests Are Saying...

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!
~Randy ’74 & Gail Parker

We have done several trips with the Traveling Aggies, and just can’t say enough about how wonderful it is to have our instant family traveling with us. And to have everything arranged so that we know we’re getting the best option is terrific! So much fun!
~Robert ’73 & Linda ’75 Flesher

I really enjoy traveling with other Aggies. It doesn’t matter what classes we are, we have a great thing in common, Texas A&M!
~Marta Hollowell ‘82