Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

JUNE 26 - JULY 3, 2020
with optional
DENALI NATIONAL PARK PRE-TOUR
Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends 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.

This program also offers an optional pre-tour to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to 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 landscape became one of our nation’s most breathtaking conservation areas.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $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 texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ’em,

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by November 1, 2019, 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.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.
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.
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 Native dance performance at a Tlingit Clan House and from a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide at Glacier Bay National Park.

- Visit Sitka National Historical Park, and take a guided tour of the Norwegian town of Petersburg.

- Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you’ll learn about Chinook, coho, and chum 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.
**Admiralty Dream**

Aboard the Admiralty Dream, you can go where large ships cannot—gaining exclusive access to channels and bays full of wildlife.

**Your Expedition Leader**

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 (D)
- Welcome dinner

**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
- Wilderness Excursion (B,L,R)
  - Exclusive guided backcountry adventure, wine and hors d’oeuvres with an Alaskan homesteader

**Day +4:** Denali National Park (B)
- Participate in optional excursions or enjoy leisure activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks

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

**Day +6:** Depart Anchorage / Arrive Sitka / 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.

**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 for a docent-led tour 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.

*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.*
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Denali Pre-Tour: June 21-26, 2020

Reserve by Credit Card:
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Phone: (800) 633-7514
Fax: (979) 845-9263

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: Traveling Aggies
The Association of Former Students
505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check: ( ) ACH (Automated Clearing House): ( ) MasterCard/Visa: ( ) American Express: ( ) Discover:
Card #: __________________________________________________________
Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ______
Name (as printed on card): ______________________________________________________________________
Billing Address (if different from above): __________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice __________________________________ 2nd choice __________________________

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

DENALI PRE-TOUR OPTIONALS (added to your final invoice):

# _________ guests joining Husky Homestead Dog Sledd Presentation ($59/adult)
# _________ guests joining Denali Glacier Landing Flight ($579/person)
# _________ guests joining Arctic Circle Flight Tour ($519/person)

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

I/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/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due at the time of registration, payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due 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.” CST#209875-40 WST#602828994

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**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 household will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

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