Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

July 9-16, 2021

Featuring Professor Paul Barber, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Please 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 76-guest Chichagof 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. In addition, enjoy lectures by UCLA professor Paul Barber, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

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 at a hilltop lodge with panoramic views just north of the park entrance, 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.

Sincerely,

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As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit www.orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Southeast Alaska.

Aboard the nimble, 76-passenger *Chichagof 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)

Day 1: Arrive in Sitka – Embarkation (D)
- Tlingit dance presentation, Alaska Raptor Center, Sitka National Historical Park
- Overnight: Chichagof Dream

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

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

Day 4: Eastern Baranof Island / Lake Eva (B,L,D)
- Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife viewing
- Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 5: Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
- Hidden Falls Hatchery
- Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 6: Petersburg / Frederick Sound (B,L,D)
- Wildlife viewing, Petersburg tour, hike
- Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 7: Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
- Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife and glacier viewing, farewell dinner
- Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 8: Auke Bay / Juneau – Disembarkation (B)
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

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

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. NOTE: The Chichagof Dream does not have an elevator.
Explore
• See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the Chichagof Dream or aboard its skiffs and kayaks.
• Visit a salmon hatchery, the Alaska Raptor Center, and Sitka National Historical Park.

Interact
• Accompanied by 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.
• Cruise around Glacier Bay National Park alongside a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide.

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

What’s Included
• 7 nights aboard the Chichagof Dream
• All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—including a special Captain’s Farewell Dinner, and complimentary wine and beer at dinner
• An onboard lecture program and educational guidance of two expert naturalists, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, and a Park Ranger and Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide during a visit to Glacier Bay National Park
• Guided kayaking, hiking, walking, skiff excursions, and wildlife viewing
• All port fees and entry fees to parks, preserves, museums, attractions and special excursions as described in the itinerary
• Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, airport transfer drivers, and drivers/guides on included land excursions
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations

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

The ship’s well-appointed, intimate, and unassuming style allows travelers to experience the true heart and soul of Alaska. The Chichagof Dream features expansive viewing areas on the bow and aft outdoor promenade decks, a hull design optimized for supreme comfort in Alaskan waters, and forward-facing windows in the spacious lounge that extend from the deck to the ceiling, offering panoramic views off the bow.

Enjoy a relaxed cruising speed ideal for viewing the endless surrounding fjords, glaciers, and wildlife. The ship offers complimentary expedition gear while touring, including rain jackets, rain pants, and boots. Plus, each stateroom is outfitted with binoculars. Nothing will be missed as you leisurely traverse the channels, bays, and islands of Southeast Alaska.

Every morning, indulge in early-riser pastries in the lounge. After each exciting day of exploration, enjoy delectable hors d’oeuvres and convivial conversation in the lounge before delighting in a five-star dining experience—where talented onboard chefs create mouthwatering masterpieces using fresh, locally sourced ingredients.
Journey into the scenic wilds of America’s most northern state, through Alaska’s rugged forests and wildlife. Your destination: the magnificent, six-million acre Denali National Park and Reserve. A final highlight of this adventure includes an afternoon traveling aboard the historic Alaska Railroad with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass-dome seat.

### Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

#### Day +1:
Arrive in Fairbanks (R)
- Welcome reception
- Overnight: Pike’s Waterfront Lodge

#### Day +2:
Fairbanks / Denali National Park (B,D)
- Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center; special dinner event and presentation
- Overnight: Grand Denali Lodge

#### Day +3:
Denali National Park
- Wilderness Excursion (B,L)
  - Guided backcountry adventure, evening at leisure
- Overnight: Grand Denali Lodge

#### Day +4:
Denali National Park (B,R)
- Optional excursions or activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks, wine and hors d’oeuvres with an Alaskan homesteader
- Overnight: Grand Denali Lodge

#### Day +5:
Denali National Park / Anchorage (B,L,D)
- Travel to Anchorage by Alaska Railroad
- Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

#### Day +6:
Depart Anchorage / Arrive Sitka / Day 1 of Main Program (B)
- Optional Excursions:
  - Husky Homestead Dog Sled Tour: 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

- 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 naturalists nearby.
- Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.
- Listen to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.
- Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.

- What’s included:
  - 1 night accommodation in Fairbanks, 3 nights accommodations in Denali, and 1 night accommodation in Anchorage; 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and 2 receptions;
  - motor coach transportation from Fairbanks to Denali National Park; hotel courtesy shuttle between Grande Denali Lodge, the Denali Park Visitor Center, town, and the rail depot; a full-day wilderness tour into Denali National Park (including a box lunch); a lively dinner event with a special presentation from a Murie Science and Learning Center educator, plus an engaging discussion with Jimmie Hendricks, a colorful local who will share his experiences of summiting Denali; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including reserved seating in the upper-level glass-dome car, priority seating in the dining room for lunch and dinner (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages); gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals; transfers between the airport and hotel for guests arriving and departing 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.
A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources.

**Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.**

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Paul Barber is a professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCLA. He studied Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Music at his home town University of Arizona, and then earned his PhD from UC Berkeley in 1998. Paul's research program integrates genetics, genomics, ecology, and oceanography to understand the evolution of marine biodiversity, and uses this information to promote marine conservation. Paul's integration of research and education and passion for mentoring diversity in science has been recognized by numerous awards, including the U.S. Presidential Early Career Award for Science and Engineering, the UCLA Distinguished Teaching award, the UCLA Diversity Equity and Inclusion Award, UCLA Gold Shield Prize, and the SACNAS Distinguished Student Mentor Award. In 2017 he was named an HHMI Professor.

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