



MS Roald Amundsen, Tracy Arm Fjord Alaska | Credit: Hurtigruten



ALASKA

ALASKA'S WILDERNESS, GLACIERS AND CULTURE (NORTHBOUND)

(TOUR CODE: 12205)

STARTS AND ENDS

Vancouver to
Anchorage

TRAVEL PERIODS

16 May 2024 & 09 Jun 24

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Cultural
Wildlife

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Experience an epic exploration into the wilds of Alaska with Hurtigruten.

Highlights

- Discover Alaska's unique heritage and rich history.
- Enjoy walking tours of unique Alaskan towns.
- Opportunities to spot wildlife like whales, bears, eagles, moose, seals, and sea lions
- Explore the wild nature of Alaska on a Hurtigruten expedition cruise packed with activities.

Arrive in the beautiful cosmopolitan city of Vancouver at the foot of the Rockies. You'll spend an overnight exploring the city before your Hurtigruten expedition cruise onboard the beautiful hybrid-powered start-of-the-art vessel **MS Roald Amundsen**.

With its dramatic fjords, forests, mountains, bays and glaciers, Alaska is truly breathtaking. You'll visit historic towns and meet indigenous communities, where you'll learn about Alaska's fascinating history and uniquely blended cultures, guided by Hurtigruten's Expedition Team.

Explore the wild nature of Alaska on this epic expedition cruise packed with activities. Enjoy whale watching or bear watching as you experience Alaska up close on excursions, hikes, expedition boat cruising or in kayaks. Hurtigruten's small expedition ships make it possible to venture beyond the more popular routes into Alaska's unspoiled wilds.

INCLUSIONS

- 12 nights Polar Outside Cabin onboard Hurtigruten
- 1 night in Vancouver at Sheraton Wall Centre
- 1 night in Anchorage at Hilton Anchorage
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard Hurtigruten
- Escorted landings with small expedition boats
- Hotel to Vancouver Pier transfer including City Tour
- Transfer from Pier in Seward to Anchorage Hotel
- Range of included activities onboard Hurtigruten
- English-speaking Expedition Team onboard Hurtigruten
- Complimentary wind and water-resistant expedition jacket
- Loan of boots, trekking poles, and all equipment for activities

ITINERARY

Ship Onboard MS Roald Amundsen - Polar Outside Cabin

MS Roald Amundsen is a state-of-the-art vessel featuring new environmentally sustainable hybrid technology and that offers premium expedition comfort.

The stunning scenery is reflected in a rich and comfortable interior design. Scandinavian materials from nature, such as granite, oak, birch and wool are used to create relaxed and stylish cabins and public areas. All cabins are outside cabins, of which 50% have private balconies, and aft suites feature private outdoor hot tubs with spectacular views.

One of the most eye-catching exterior design features is the two-level indoor/outdoor Observation Deck. It is an ideal place to scan the scenery and watch for wildlife with your binoculars.

The **Polar Outside cabins** are primarily on the middle decks with windows, most are spacious, have flexible sleeping arrangements and TV for excellent and high standard accommodation. Can accommodate two to four passengers.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



POLAR OUTSIDE CABIN | CREDIT: AGURTXANE CONCELLON / HURTIGRUTEN

Your adventure begins in the beautiful city of Vancouver at the foot of the Rockies, where you'll spend the night before your expedition cruise. Vancouver has a flavour all its own – and so does its global cuisine. Chinatown, Punjabi Market and Little Italy are all waiting to tempt your tastebuds. Visit Gastown, the city's oldest neighbourhood, and climb Vancouver Lookout for a citywide panorama overlooking neon-lit Granville Street, West End beaches and the towering cedars of Stanley Park.

Overnight in Vancouver at the **Sheraton Wall Centre**.



VANCOUVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC

Day 2 Vancouver Onboard Hurtigruten

After a delicious breakfast at your hotel, you'll get your adventure under way with a fun tour taking in the highlights of this fantastic and vibrant city. Even if you've seen some already, they're always worth seeing again. We'll give you a taste of the sights and sounds that make Vancouver so unique. Your first excursion ends at the pier where you will meet your beautiful hybrid-powered home for the next 12 days, **MS Roald Amundsen**. It's time to begin your unforgettable expedition cruise.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Dinner



MS ROALD AMUNDSEN | CREDIT: KARSTEN BIDSTRUP HURTIGRUTEN

British Columbia

On Hurtigruten's smaller expedition ships, you'll get an unrivalled intimate experience of the protected North American Pacific Fjordland. As you navigate the lesser-travelled channels, you'll get close to the beautiful and fascinating scenery. Keep your binoculars close at hand. As always, there's plenty to see and learn in the Science Center, with insightful lectures from your Expedition Team, and opportunities to swap memories of your adventures. This is also a great time to wind down, with a little pampering in the spa or sitting up on deck with your fellow explorers as the stunning scenery slips by.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



MS ROALD AMUNDSEN | CREDIT: ANDREAKLAUSSNER HURTIGRUTEN

Misty Fjords

Wildlife abounds in the Alaskan wilderness. Part of the Tongass National Forest, Misty Fjords is a pristine wilderness of evergreens, waterfalls and snow-capped peaks. Influential mountaineer John Muir described it as one of the most beautiful places he'd ever seen. Weather permitting, you'll join the Expedition Team to tour Misty Fjords on small expedition boats or take kayaks out for an optional excursion.

Look out for mountain goats, bears and moose. In the water, you'll find pacific salmon, along with otters, sea lions, harbour seals, orcas and dall porpoises. And look skywards for hummingbirds, herons and bald eagles.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



MISTY FJORDS | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA

Day **5**

Wrangell

The cruise of the Alaskan islands takes you to Wrangell. A mile out of town you'll find the ancient rock carvings of Petroglyph Beach. Bring paper and take some stone rubbings as a unique souvenir. Learn more about Wrangell's fascinating past in the local museum. Now part of the US, it's been governed by Britain, Russia and the Tlingit people. On Shakes Island, the Chief Shakes Tribal House and totem poles tell the Tlingit story. Your visit includes a trip on the waters in our small expedition boats. On land, hikers will enjoy the nature trails from Stikine River and Mount Dewey to the rainforest.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



WRANGELL | CREDIT: ASHTON RAY HANSEN HURTIGRUTEN

Day **6**

Holkham Bay Fjords

Holkham Bay has two arms – Tracy and Endicott – beautiful fjords that are out of reach for larger cruise ships. Your captain will decide which offers better exploration options on the day, but don't worry, both are equally special. At the end of each

fjord, fresh icebergs calve from the glaciers against a stunning backdrop of forested cliffs. Endicott Arm is a breeding ground for harbour seals, often seen on the floating ice. You might also see whales, bears, mountain goats and moose. Get wildlife tips from our onboard photographer before we head out on expedition boats to get closer to these unique sights.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Petersburg

Continue to cruise north to Petersburg, perched at the edge of stunning Frederick Sound. Settled by a Norwegian in the 1800s – and fondly known as 'Little Norway' – its shallow, bustling harbour houses Alaska's largest home-based halibut fishing fleet. The ships are small enough to enter, and shared Norwegian heritage makes for a great talking point with the local community as you explore this charming town. Don't miss the views from the waterfront. You can watch icebergs float down the sound, look across to North America's biggest rockface, the Devil's Thumb, and in summer, the waters attract feeding humpback whales.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



PETERSBURG | CREDIT: MARK KELLEY TRAVEL ALASKA

Day **8**

Haines

The frontier town of Haines was originally home to the Chilkat Tlingit people, renowned for their weaving skills. You'll see amazing examples of their work, with mountain goat fur and cedar bark woven into intricate designs, at the Haines Sheldon Museum. Haines has a flourishing art scene, with galleries and workshops filled with Totem carvings, silverwork and sculptures. Investing in Alaskan art is a great way to support local artists.

You can practice your photography skills on the incredible landscapes and wildlife. Known as 'Valley of the Eagles', Haines has a thriving Bald Eagle population. The valley ecosystem supports bears and moose too.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



HAINES | CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN / OSCAR FARRERA

Day **9**

William Henry Bay

Explore ancient forests, wildlife, and whales on this day. At William Henry Bay on the edge of the Chilkat mountain range

local guides will lead you through the old-growth forest. They'll keep you safe as you watch for brown and black bears, black-tailed deer and moose.

You'll see evidence of copper and gold mines here, although the United States government's mid-20th century rush for uranium proved unsuccessful. Recent surveys suggest there might still be gold to be found, so keep those eyes open.

In the evening, pass Point Adolphus on Chichagof Island. Overlooking Glacier Bay National Park, it's considered one of the best whale watching spots in North America.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 10 Sitka

Surrounded by Tongass National Forest, Sitka is only accessible by sea and air. Get out on deck for stunning views of the Sisters Mountains and Mount Edgecumbe Volcano.

Discover Sitka's fascinating history with Expedition Team. Inhabited by the Tlingit for 10,000 years, it was occupied by Russia in 1804, before being sold to America after the Crimean War. Today, Sitka blends all three cultures.

Visit the Russian Orthodox cathedral and Russian Bishop's House. Sitka National Historic Park is a real highlight, where you'll see ornate Haida and Tlingit totem poles. Or enjoy a walking trail through the forest to the ocean.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



SITKA | CREDIT: JONATHAN TRAMONTANA HURTIGRUTEN

Day 11 Icy Bay

You'll experience an amazing expedition day in Icy Bay today. Three glaciers – Guyot, Yahtse and Tyndall – regularly calve into the bay. If conditions allow, the Expedition Team will take you ashore on the 34-mile-long, 8-mile-wide Guyot Glacier or you can explore in kayaks on an optional excursion.

Wildlife abounds in the Gulf of Alaska, offering unrivalled photography opportunities. Humpback whales, orcas, Stellar sea lions, sea otters and harbour seals lazing on floating chunks of ice, can be seen in these waters. Onboard photographer is ready with expert tips on how to get the best from your camera.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN

Day 12 Cordova

Sitting in the Chugach National Forest and only accessible by boat or plane, remote Cordova has retained its tradition

small-town authenticity, and its friendly residents will welcome you as you explore the salmon fishing town. You'll be in awe of its spectacular setting between Orca Inlet, Hawkins Island, Mount Eccles, Eyak Lake and the Copper River Delta.

In 1989, Cordova was probably best known for the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Today, after major clean up efforts, its coastline has mostly recovered, and you'll be able to see wildlife like sea otters, eagles, tundra swans, beavers, moose and bears.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 13 College Fjord

Your lecture today may well be related to glaciology. Visit College Fjord, which holds five tidewater glaciers, five valley glaciers and a dozen others. The 1899 Harriman Expedition team, which charted the fjord, named the glaciers after their alma maters, which include Vassar, Harvard and Yale. Princeton is missing, apparently a deliberate snub. You'll get as close to the glaciers as you can, taking small expedition boats on the fjord if possible, or in kayaks as an optional excursion. From the water, you might glimpse humpback whales, Bald Eagles, otters and sea lions who inhabit this icy wilderness.

Overnight stay onboard in a **Polar Outside Cabin**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CREDIT: HURTIGRUTEN

Day 14 Seward Anchorage

Your cruise ends in Seward, the only deepwater, ice-free port with road, rail and air connections to Alaska's interior. And while this is where you leave the seas, there's still plenty more to experience.

Seward is surrounded by vast mountains, magnificent glaciers and incredible wildlife. You'll enjoy a scenic drive across the spectacular backcountry of the Kenai Fjords National Park. Look out for impressive Dall sheep often seen along the route.

You'll stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center and learn about their work with orphaned or injured animals, from eagles and owls to bison, bears and musk oxen. In Anchorage, you'll check into your hotel and have the evening free to explore.

Overnight in Anchorage at **Hilton Anchorage**.

Breakfast



ALASKA CONSERVATION CENTRE | CREDIT: SAVANAH EVANS VISIT ANCHORAGE

Day 15 Anchorage

Your Alaska expedition cruise ends in Anchorage upon check-out of your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION

Hilton Anchorage Hotel

Anchorage

Located in the heart of downtown, within three blocks of the Egan and Dena'ina convention centers, 5th Avenue Mall, and the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. The hotel lobby features an extensive collection of Alaskan art. Visit the fitness center and relax in the indoor pool and steam room. Enjoy American favorites and local specialties, such as wild Alaskan salmon caponata and seared Alaskan halibut in the restaurant.



Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

Vancouver

The Sheraton Wall Centre Downtown Vancouver Hotel is the perfect location for strolling scenic Robson Street and Yaletown or making connections in the nearby business and financial districts. Whatever your plans are, you'll find a feeling of welcome unlike any other at one of the best Vancouver hotels.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
English	USD

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Optional shore excursions with Hurtigruten's local partners
- Optional small-group activities with Hurtigruten's Expedition Team
- Optional treatments in the onboard wellness and spa area