

Juneau

Mendenhall Glacier & Whale Quest DETAILS

. **5 1/2** hrs Estimate Duration

Experience Alaska's premier attractions glaciers and wildlife, from two very different vantage points, by land and by sea. A narrated motorcoach ride takes you to view and photograph the famous Mendenhall Glacier. At the Visitor Center you'll have the opportunity to talk with Forest Service interpreters, and through interactive exhibits, learn about the awesome force of glacial ice. Back aboard the motorcoach you'll take the scenic route through the Mendenhall Valley. At Auke Bay you'll board a water jet powered catamaran specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable, spacious main cabin, surrounded by large windows as your experienced Captain guides you through the island studded waters of Stephens Passage.

Against a majestic backdrop of snow-capped peaks and glaciers, the onboard naturalist will explain the behavior and habitat of wildlife you may encounter, including humpback and killer whales, sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles and more. The operators of this tour guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you'll receive a \$100 cash refund as you disembark the tour vessel. Souvenir route maps are provided along with complimentary snacks and beverages. To fully enjoy this excursion, be sure to bring a warm, rainproof jacket and don't forget your camera!

Icy Strait Point

Ocean Raft Adventure

DETAILS

- **2** hrs *Estimate Duration*

Look for wildlife while zipping along the rugged coastline in an open-air, high-speed boat.

You will ride in a Rigid Hull Inflatable vessel that is 27 feet long and designed to race through the sea with maximum maneuverability. The exact route will depend on the weather conditions, but you can expect to enjoy close-up views of tidal flats and land animals such as brown bears and Sitka black-tailed deer. The seas here are also teeming with iconic Alaskan animals. You may spot humpback whales breaching the water's surface, pods of orcas, frolicking sea otters and sleek seals. Be sure to look up, as bald eagles and puffins also make their homes in the area. Along the way, the captain will throttle back and elaborate on the importance of the waterways to the native Tlingit, many of whom still follow a traditional lifestyle around Icy Strait Point.

Ketchikan

Ketchikan's Best by Land and Sea DETAILS

- **4** hrs *Estimate Duration*

OVERVIEW

View an array of spectacular manmade and natural attractions and come away with a great appreciation for Ketchikan's charms. Saxman Village enchants with its dozens of colorful totem poles adored with symbols that reflect the culture of the indigenous people. An enlightening tour of the remote George Inlet Cannery will add more historical insight as it showcases various types of fishing such as trolling and purse seining. A tasting of smoked salmon other Alaskan seafood delicacies will round out the cannery experience. Natural beauty will take center stage as you follow a nature trail with a naturalist guide that will describe wilderness areas such as George Inlet and Beaver Falls. Cruising the inlet presents yet another perspective of this incredibly scenic waterway. Wildlife is abundant throughout, especially sea lions, porpoises and bald eagles. Chances are, you will pause at Walden Rocks, a finger of bare rocky land where seals frequently come ashore to rest.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the world's largest collection of totem poles at Saxman Village.
- Tour a historical cannery and sample wild salmon with a glass of locally brewed beer.
 - Follow a winding nature trail through a lush, wonderfully serene rainforest.
- Look for wildlife such as seals, sea lions and bald eagles while cruising scenic George Inlet.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Need To Know:

All guests are required to navigate tide variable ramps and access stairs onto the motorcoach and boat. Comfortable shoes and warm layered clothing is recommended. Wildlife sightings are frequent, but not guaranteed. Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. Wear flat comfortable walking shoes. Guests who go ashore do so with the understanding that they will be mixing with members of the general public. **This tour starts at Ward Cove and ends in downtown Ketchikan. Guests will take the free shuttles back to Ward Cove to return to the cruise ship.** Tour may operate in reverse. Lift buses are not able to accommodate Motorized Scooters, however manual wheelchairs can be used.

Seattle

Best Of Seattle With Observatory & Airport Transfers

DETAILS

- **4** hrs *Estimate Duration*



Debark

OVERVIEW

Past and present thrive side by side in Seattle, and on this tour you'll see the best that Seattle has to offer. Begin with a brief scenic drive of Seattle as you head directly to the best view in the Pacific Northwest, the Sky View Observatory, the tallest building in Seattle! You'll then be elevated 902 feet above street level for unmatched 360-degree panoramic views of the Emerald City (Seattle), the Great Wheel, the Space Needle, the majestic Mt. Rainier and Mt. Baker plus beautiful islands, bays, and mountain ranges beyond. All time spent at the Sky View Observatory before 10am is exclusive for guests participating on this excursion. Continue your scenic drive as you pass by the Seattle Mariners and Seattle Seahawks sports stadiums, the historic Pioneer Square (Seattle's birthplace dating back to 1852), the International District, Seattle's downtown core and shopping district before circling the Seattle Center Campus and arriving at the Space Needle for a photo stop. From here, you'll head over through newly renovated Belltown to the Pike Place Market, America's largest and oldest open-air farmer's market. Here you'll have the opportunity to browse the hundreds of curio shops and local artisan stalls. Don't forget to check out the Pike Place Fish Market, home of the 'Flying Fish', one of the more famous vendors at the Market.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the ultimate view of Seattle and beyond from the soaring Sky View Observatory.
- Drive through historical neighborhoods as the guide describes landmark after landmark.
- Spend free time browsing the seemingly endless stalls in Pike Place Market.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

Need To Know:

This tour is only available for guests with flights after 3:00 pm for domestic and 4:00 pm for international departures. Guests are responsible for ensuring their debarkation tours are compatible with their flight departure times. Guests have the option to book their flights through our Premium Air Department to ensure that flight departure times do not interfere with debark tours. If wheelchair assistance is needed to debark the Bliss, please inform Shore Ex Staff ahead of time. Tour may operate in an alternative order.