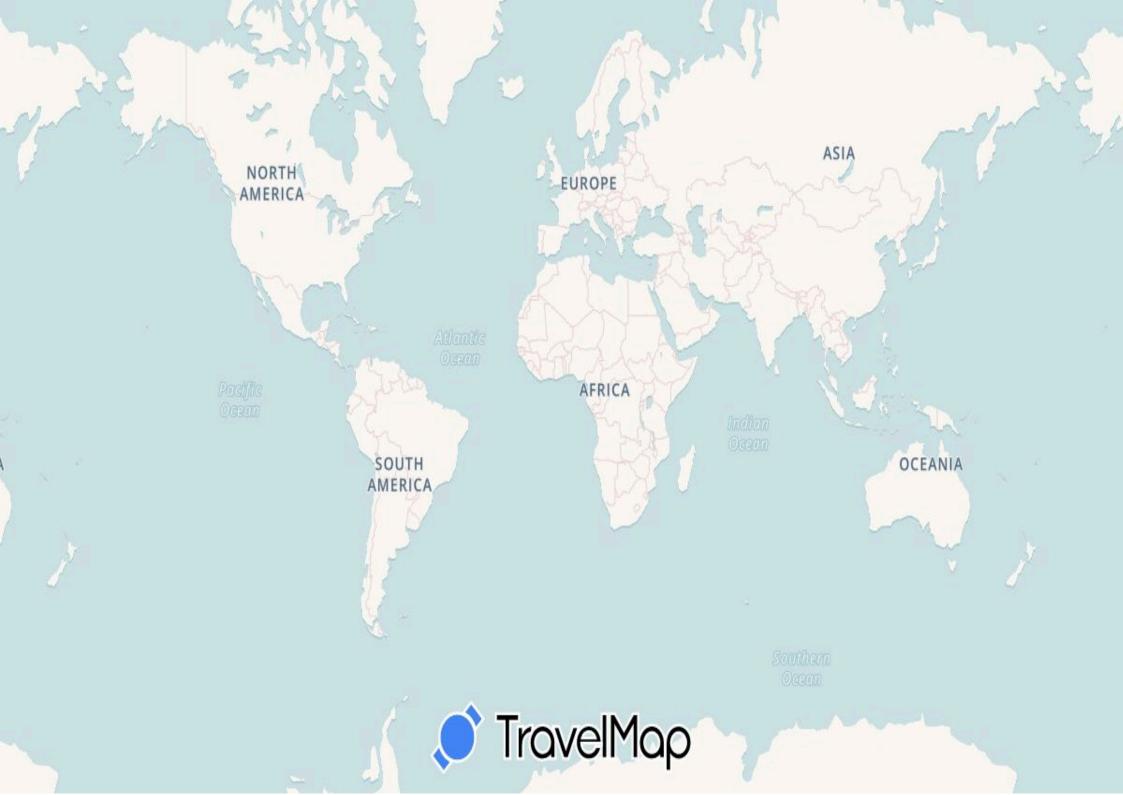


MS Roald Amundsen

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And off we go! We were welcomed by the super-friendly crew of the Roald Amundsen in this shiny city, and the weather was incredible by the time we sailed. Our cabins were fantastic, the personnel was super friendly, and everyone was very happy to start this wonderful adventure in the Alaskan Inside Passage. As we sailed from Vancouver, guests and crew were outside on deck while they enjoyed the amazing view from all sides of the ship.





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Today it was all about getting to know the ship and all the experiences we would have on board. We had a presentation about life on board, the excursions, the science centre, and all the educational programmes we would have at our disposal. The Captain himself, with his team of officers, heads of departments, and the expedition team, gave us a warm welcome on deck 10. Everyone's mood was radiant. Just excellent!



Today we made it to our first expedition day. We wore our life jackets for the first time and headed into the Misty Fjords, a place we could not imagine all sunny because the rain and mist in the fjord and forest gave it such a mystique atmosphere that it truly did justice to the name. The waterfalls were also amazing, and the nature was just jawdropping - more than we could have expected for the start of our voyage!







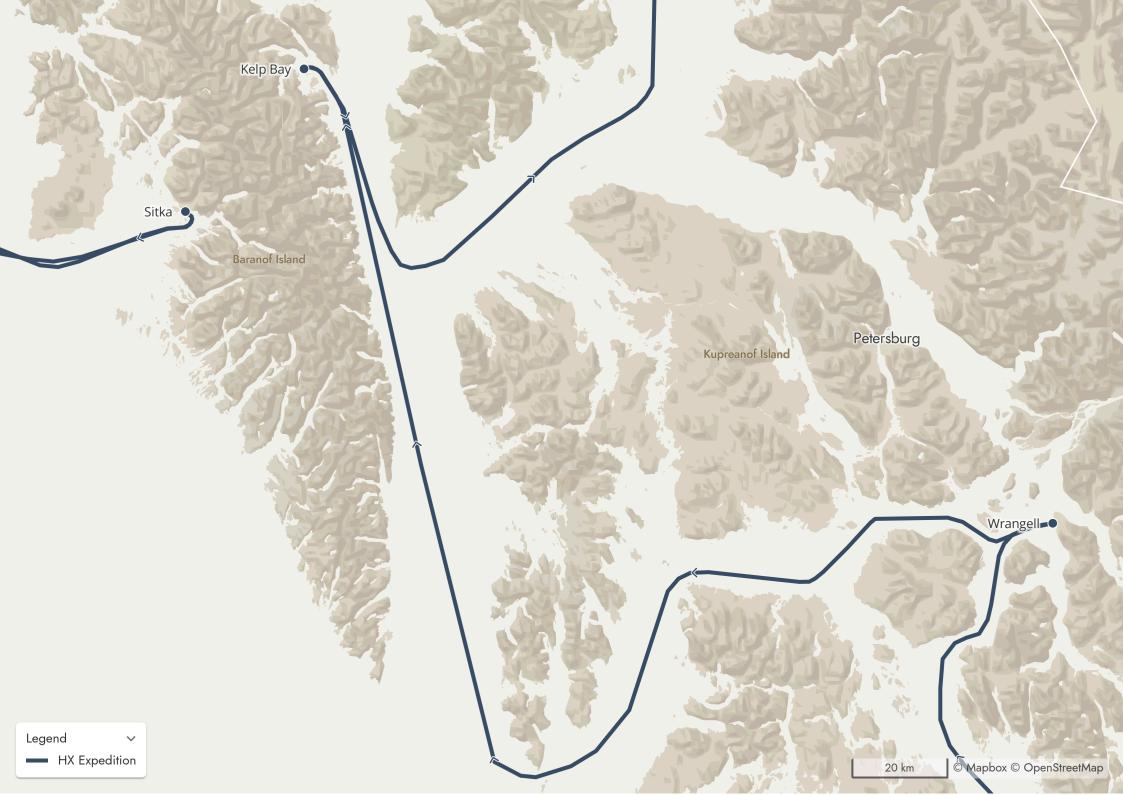
Wrangell was such a charming first port visit, and we had to get on the tender boats to go ashore and head to our unique excursions. Some went on the Island Heritage Discovery, others on the Tongass Botanical Nature Walk, the Leconte Glacier Experience, and so on. It was a very satisfying day.



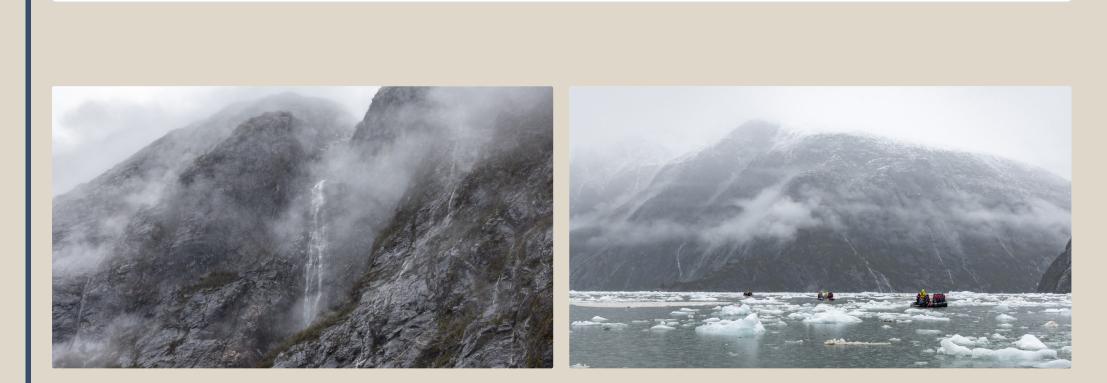
We cruised to the west side of Baranoff Island to the majestic Kelp Bay. While the weather was typical of a Southeast Alaska day with grey skies and rain, that did not stop the expedition team or the abundant wildlife in the region. Bald eagles were prevalent in the area, and harbour seals abounded. Mist rolled through the trees, creating a magical view for all to enjoy. As the day went on, guests relaxed in the explorer lounge, cosying up to a warm beverage and good company.







Today was unbelievable. The idea was to go with the ship and the zodiac boats as close to the glacier as possible, but all the ice from the calvings made it impossible to approach. The chunks of ice were everywhere, and the currents with the wind made all the ice come and go, even trapping some of the boats and some of the kayaks. Fortunately for all, we had the best bridge officers to accommodate the ship, the best drivers to navigate the ice, and the best kayak guides to give us the best experience possible. Some passengers saw humpback whales as we exited the fjord. We felt like true explorers!



Legend v HX Expedition Tracy Arm

Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness

Just as we were hoping to have good weather for a change, Haines gave us the brightest sun we could have expected. The town itself was very welcoming, and the real beauty was that we were entirely surrounded by a stunning mountain range in every single direction; it was a spectacle to behold! Some local guides told us all about the town's history, while others went on exciting excursions throughout the area. How can Alaska be so beautiful? This day was truly hard to beat, and it will stay in our hearts forever. The day finished with a huge group of barking Steller's sea lions and a glorious full moon on the horizon.



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Tracy Arm-Fords

Today was a nature landing day, and it was unlike any of the excursions before. We landed at the bay, which was basically a freeroaming area. We were able to walk along the coast to a river, enter a magical native forest, and truly connect with nature. To many, it felt like entering the heart of Alaska, and the idea that a bear could appear at any moment gave us a sense of constant awareness, but in a very exciting way. There were bear and moose tracks marked on the beach for us to analyse. We observed different species of lichen and moss. Breathing in the truly clean air, the whole experience connected us with the forest, creating a therapeutic and nourishing atmosphere.



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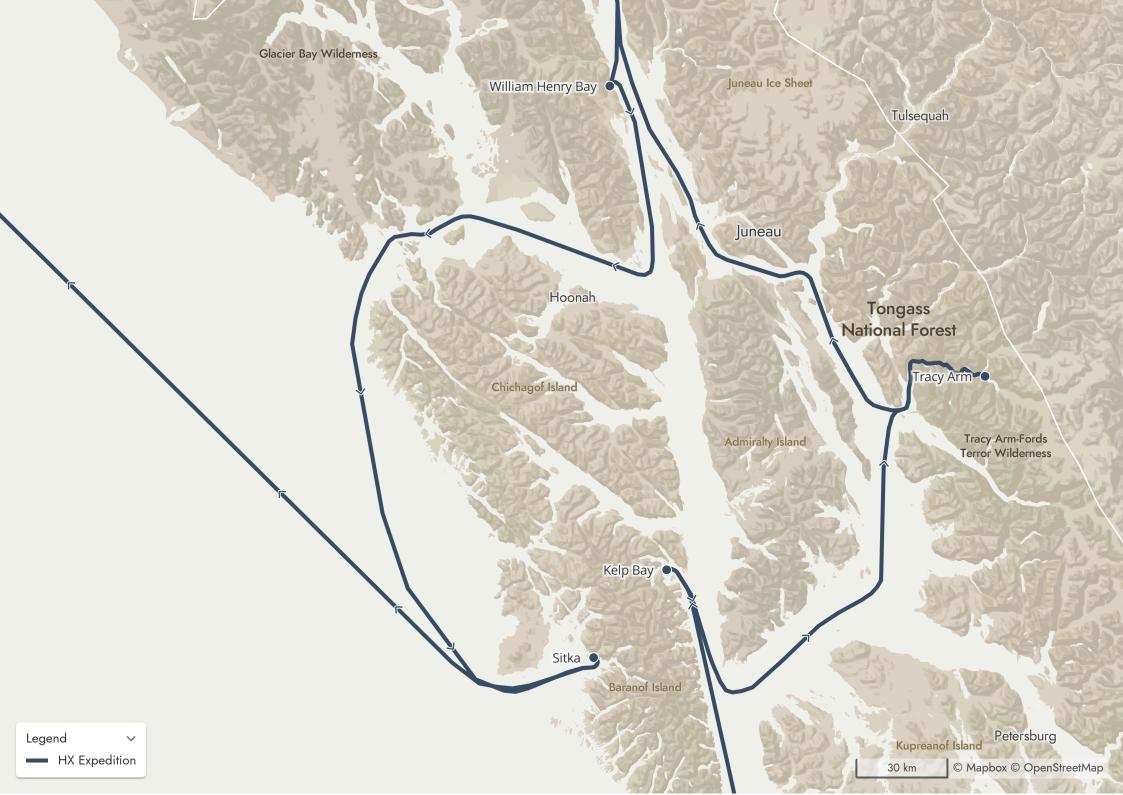
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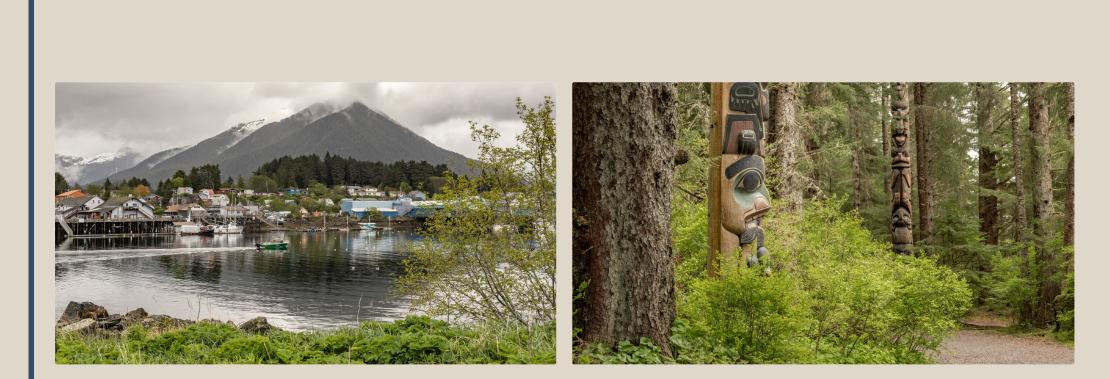
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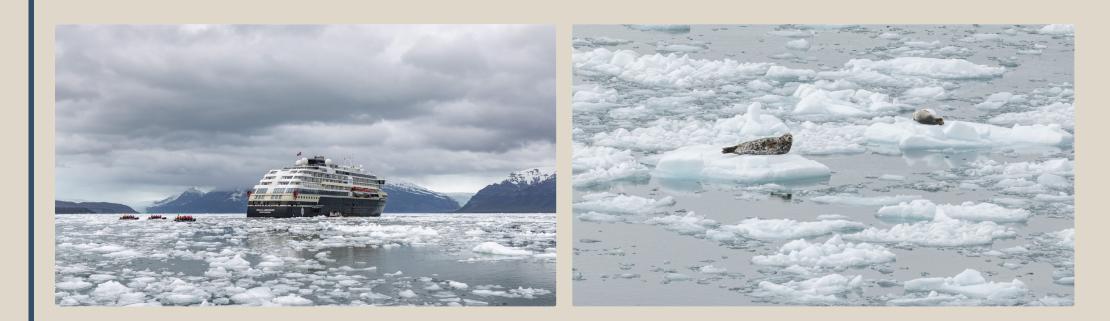
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Sitka felt like a connection to Alaska's human heritage and a travel through time. Every single aspect of Sitka gave a true testimony to the rich human history of this place. The totem poles reflected the ancient history and culture of the Tlingit people. The Russian architecture, particularly St Michael's Cathedral, reflected Russia's prevalence in Alaska and its clash with the Tlingit. Everything felt truly genuine. Guests went on excursions or explored on their own. Everyone came back to the ship having experienced Sitka in their own very particular way.



The ride to Icy Bay from Sitka made the boat rock back and forth, giving us our first taste of the Gulf of Alaska's power and strength. We sailed into Icy Bay in the afternoon with hopes of kayaking and small boat cruising among the ice and beautiful scenery. After the crew dropped the zodiacs, the drivers expertly navigated us through large chunks of beautiful sea ice. Harbour seals were keen to pop out of the ice and inspect us, as we did the same for them. We were surrounded by glaciers on all sides of the boat at a distance. The size and grandeur of the mountains and glaciers made us feel small and humble.







As we approached Cordova, the waters were flat and calm. This provided everyone with ample opportunities to spot sea otters swimming around. We anchored close to town and tendered to shore. Most of us went on an included excursion at the local science centre where we learned about recent environmental projects and local culture. The speaker was excellent and informative. Some of the guests kayaked in the still waters, watching sea otters close by and receiving excellent interpretation of the local flora. The town was small but the heart of the people living there was big.





Just when some of us were thinking that we had not seen enough glaciers, this was the best place to put a cherry on top of all the marvellous places in Alaska we had been to. The fjord itself was fantastic! The dramatic geography was stunning and the numerous glaciers... just glorious. The experience was so genuine as well, because the glaciers were full of moraines, we could hear how they cracked internally, and the ice bits floating around us were just stunning. Absolutely incredible.





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And so, a more-than-memorable cruise of our lives comes to an end. The nature of Alaska—its wildlife, its dramatic geography, its rich culture and history—the world-class service by the crew on board and the expedition team made this voyage unbelievable. Now it is time to go home and process all these living memories that we will keep forever.





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