

MS Roald Amundsen

2025.05.29 - 2025.06.10



And off we go! We were welcomed by the super friendly crew of the Roald Amundsen in this shiny city. Our cabins were fantastic, the personal 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.







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, about the excursions, about the science center and all the educational program 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 which we could not imagine all sunny, because the rain and the mist in the fjord and forest gave it such a mystique atmosphere, that it truly made

justice to the name. The waterfalls were also amazing, and the nature was just jaw-dropping. More than we could have expected for the start of our voyage!



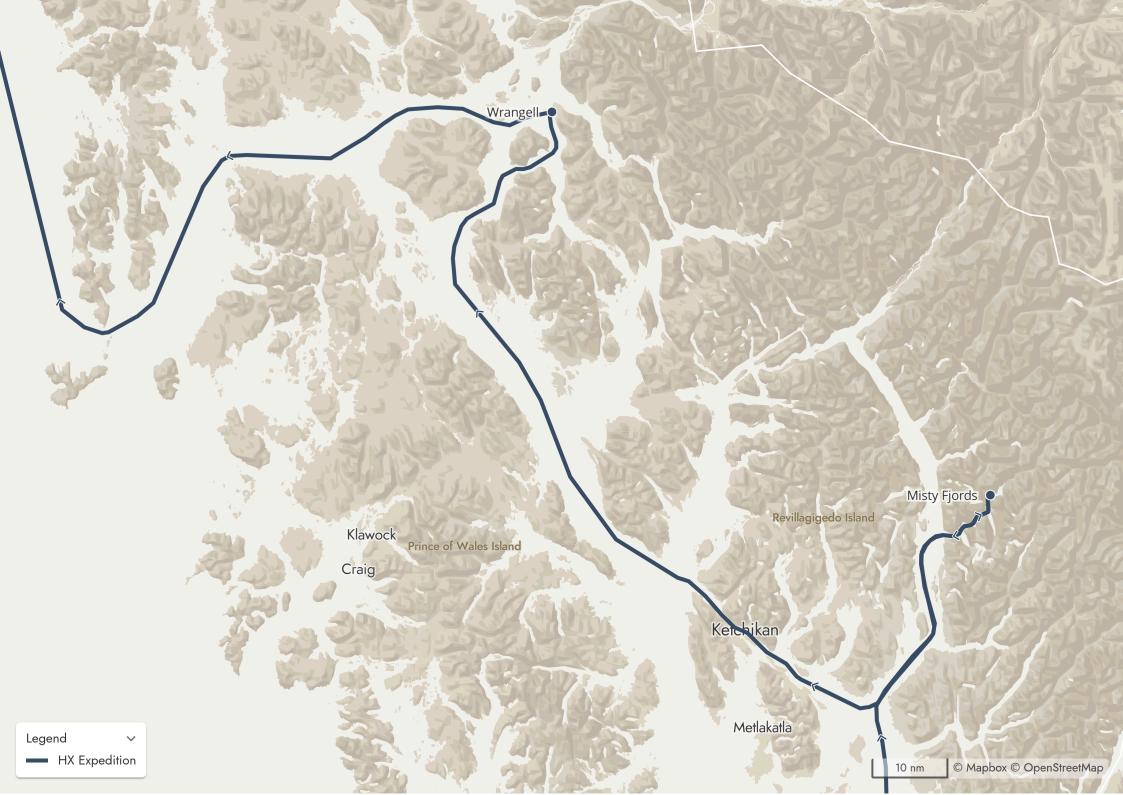




Wrangell was such a charming first port visit, and we had to get on the tender boats to get ashore and head to our unique excursions. Some went on the Island Heritage Discovery, others to the Tongass Botanical Nature Walk, the Leconte Glacier Experience and so on. It was a very satisfying day.









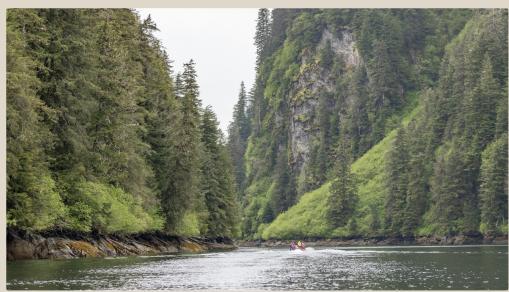
Red Bluff - Jun 2, 2025 130.3 nm

#### Day 5

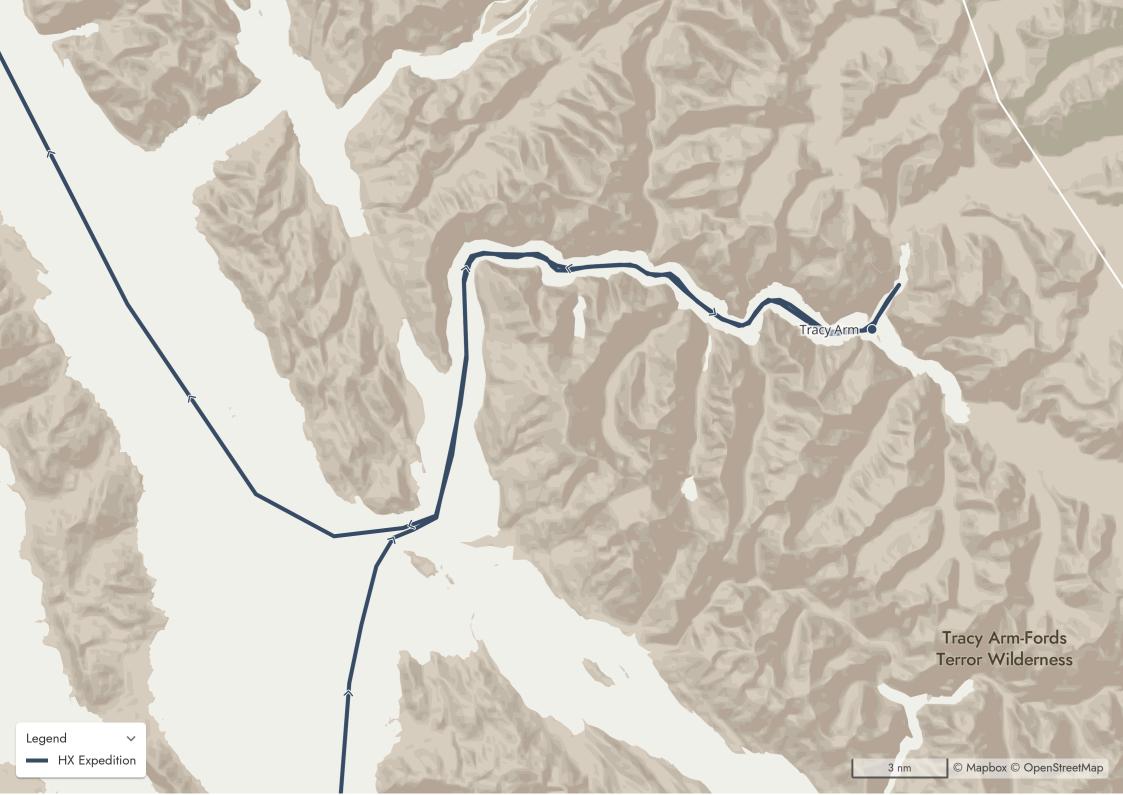
At Red Bluff Bay we anxiously awaited another day of small boat adventures. We cruised to the west side of Baranoff Island and were greeted by very good Alaskan weather. Once aboard the zodiacs our guides navigated us through small islands and cliffside waterfalls deep into the bay. The conditions were so good that we had a perfect reflection of the vertical forests surrounding us. Some river otters played along the shoreline and bald eagles sat sentinel above giant

spruce trees. As we went along, it was the perfect conditions for the grand waterfalls which had an extra punch. The long ride into the bay finished at a beautiful river with grasslands, jaw-dropping scenery, and if lucky a bit of sunshine to top it off. Some of us were lucky enough to spot a brown bear eating sedge in the distance. Red Bluff Bay did not disappoint.









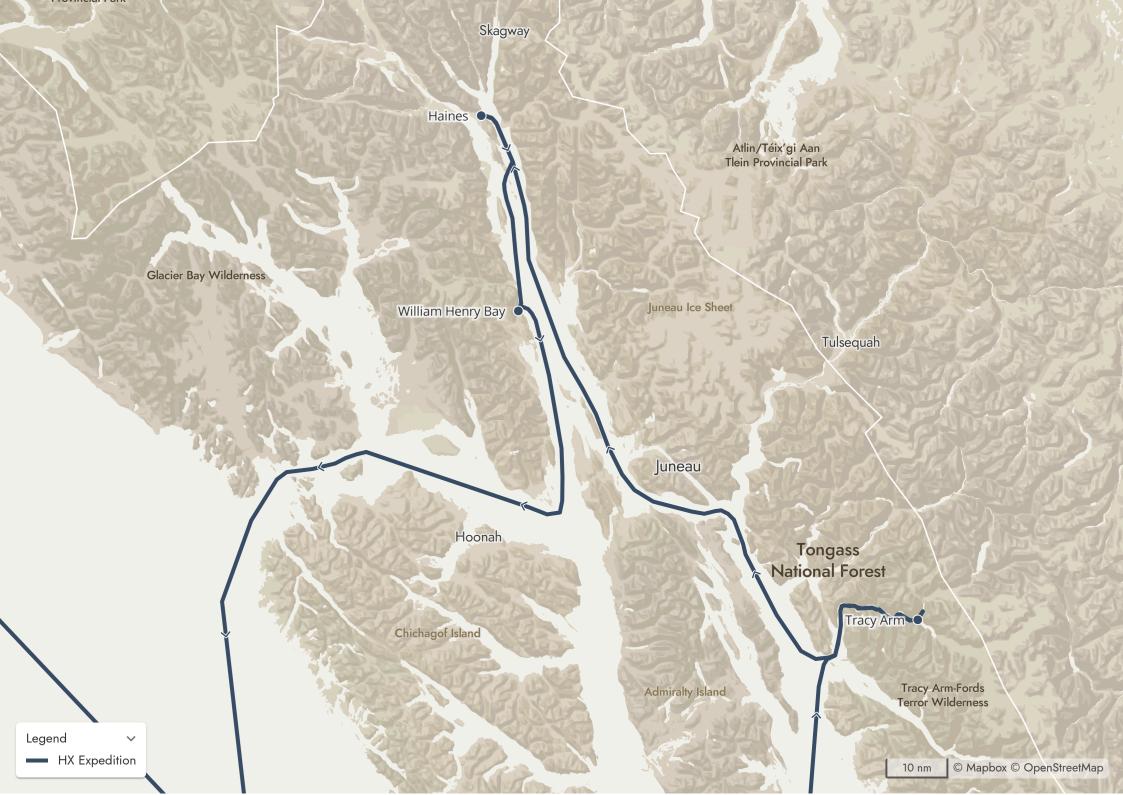
Today was unbelievable. The idea was to go with the ship and zodiacs and get as close to the glacier as possible, but all the ice from recent calvings made it impossible to approach. The chunks of ice were everywhere, and the currents with the wind made all the ice come and go in a slow-motion dance. The deep blue ice set against the emerald, green waters made for beautiful photographs. With North

Sawyer glacier looming in the distance, we played in the fjord and had a spectacular afternoon. The cruising was comfortable. We felt assured to have the best bridge officers to accommodate the ship, the best drivers to navigate the ice, and the best kayak guides to grant us the most memorable experience possible.









Haines was absolutely enchanting. 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 some 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.





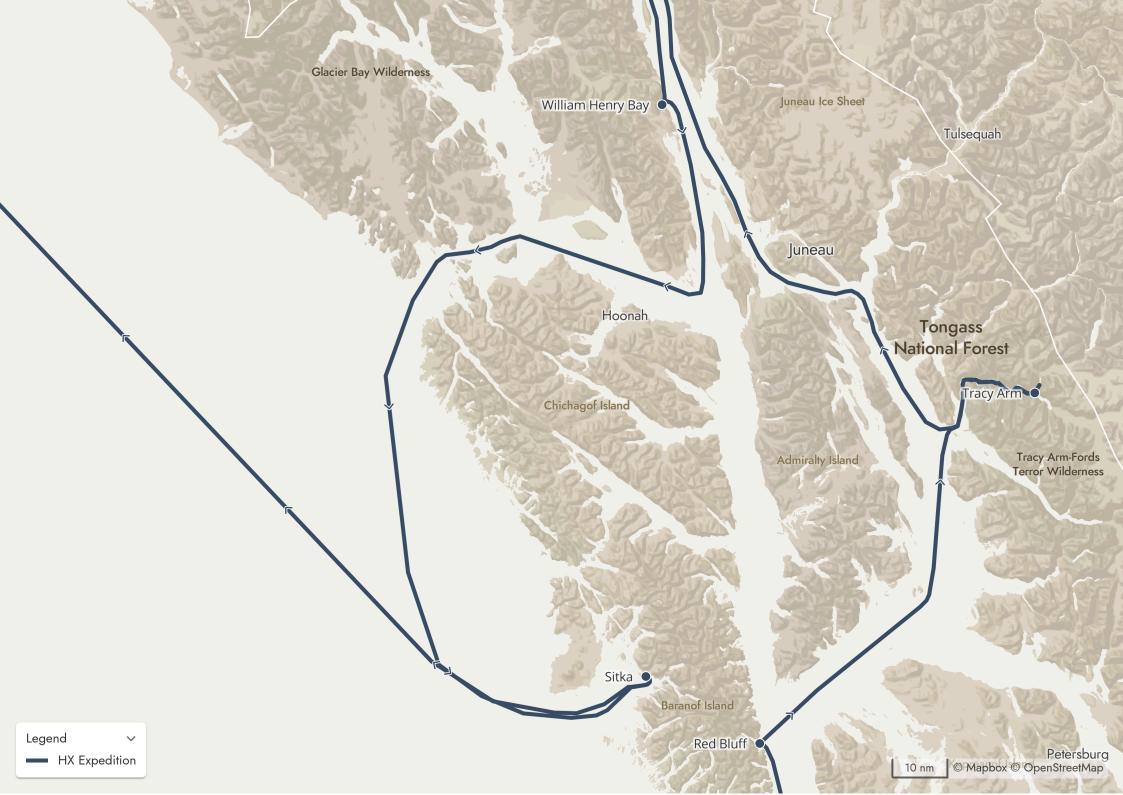
Today was a nature landing day, and it was unlike any of excursions before. We landed at the bay and it was basically a free-roaming area. We were able to walk along the coast to a river, enter a magical native forest and truly connect with nature. To many it felt like entering the heart of Alaska, and 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 analyze. We observed different species of lichen and moss, while breathing in the truly clean air. The whole experience connected us with the forest, creating a therapeutical and nourishing atmosphere.









The Russian capital of Alaska felt like connecting 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 resembled the ancient history and culture of the Tlingit people. The Russian architecture, particularly the St. Michael Cathedral, resembled

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 a 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 the hopes to kayaking and small boat cruising amongst the ice and beautiful scenery. While we found some shelter from the wind, the fog and rain would not let up. After the crew dropped the zodiacs, the drivers expertly navigated

us into the wind and rain. Harbor Seals were keen to pop out and inspect us, as we did the same for them. The ship was greeted by a rare sight for Icy Bay, a Grey Whale! The whales blow lingered across the bay's blue water as it met the cold air above. The wild weather added an extra excitement to the cruise, giving the brave enough adventures an experience to remember.









As we approached Cordova, the waters were flat and calm. This provided everyone with ample opportunities to spot Sea otters swimming abound. We anchored close to town and tendered to shore. Most of us went to an included excursion at the local science center where we learned of 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.







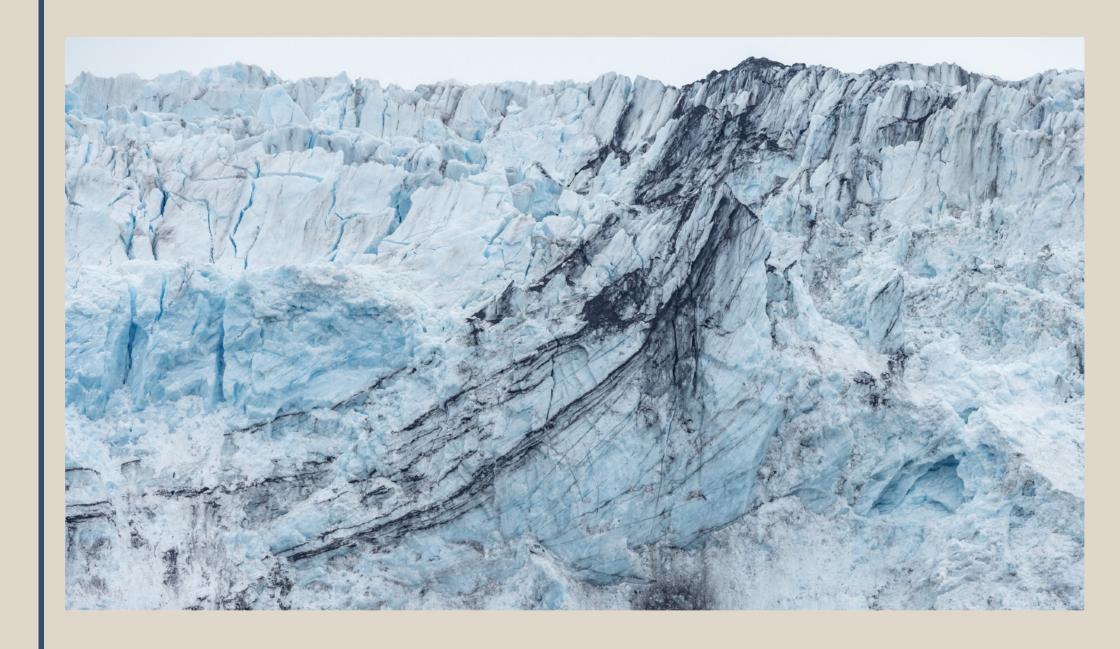
Just when some of us were thinking that we had not seen enough glaciers, this was the best place to put a cherry on top of all the marvelous places in Alaska we had been to. The fjord itself was fantastic! The dramatic geography was stunning and the numerous glaciers... just glorious. The experience was so genuine as well,

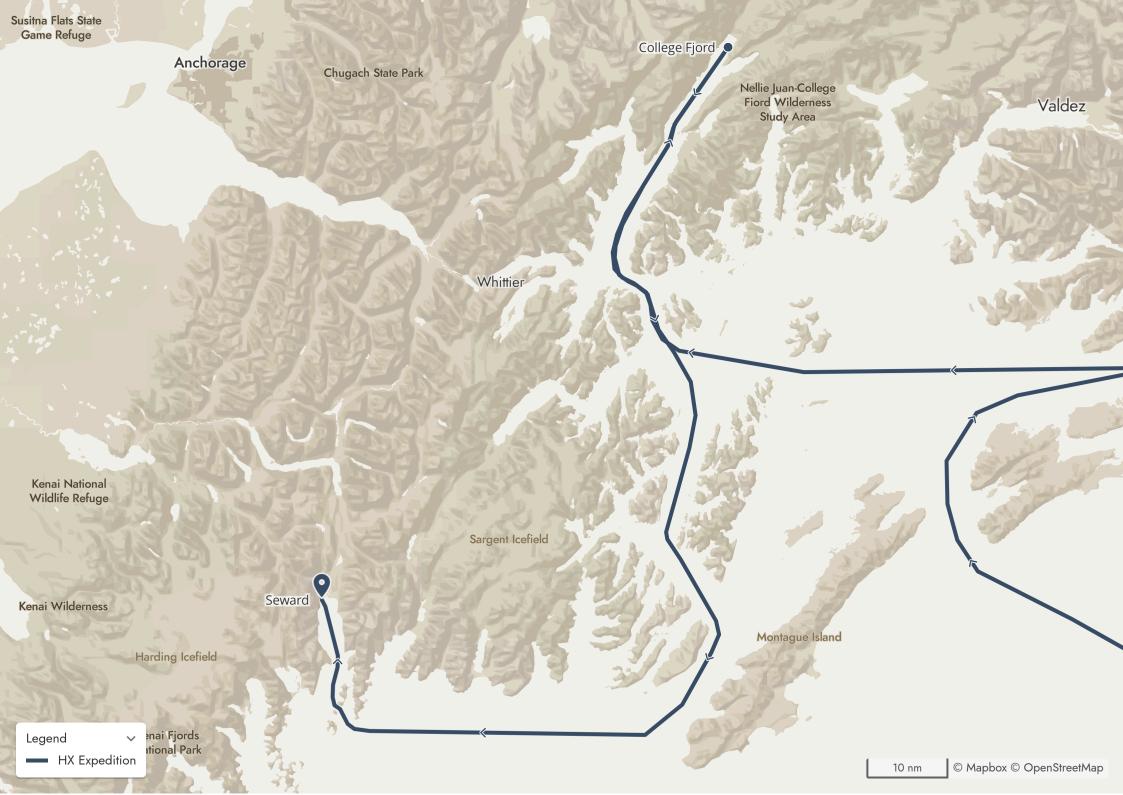
because the glaciers were full of moraines and gorgeous patterns.

We could hear how they cracked internally and watched massive calvings with ice bits floating around. It was just stunning. Absolutely incredible.









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.



