



# Alaska & British Columbia Alaska's Inside Passage: Where the Mountains Meet the Sea

MS Roald Amundsen, 11 – 23.5.2026



Anchorage

YUKON

Whitehorse

Kodiak

Juneau

Sitka

Wrangell

Ketchikan

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver

Victoria


WASHINGTON

200 km

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Legend

 HX Expedition

## Day 1 – Whittier

Starting our adventure, our guests were driven through the famous tunnel to get from Anchorage to Whittier, where MS Roald Amundsen awaited their arrival. Upon embarkation, they were greeted by the friendly crew and started getting settled on board. Just outside the port terminal, a couple of bald eagles were nesting in a tree, and up

in the mountain next to our ship, mountain goats were grazing. Guests attended the safety briefing where the crew modelled the bright orange thermal protective suits and life jackets. Crew and guests: we were all ready for the exciting voyage ahead!



## Day 2 – College Fjord

We started our first full expedition day in College Fjord with a Zodiac cruise in the morning. The Zodiacs glided through the calm, glass-like water, as the drivers navigated between the bergy bits and brash ice that filled the fjord. Harbour seals popped up to have a look at us, and the glacier thundered as it calved into the fjord. Clouds covered

the tops of the mountains, making them look endless, and the rain made our guests' new expedition jackets immediately useful. The Captain, the officers, and the Expedition Team introduced themselves in the evening, and together we cheered "*Skål!*".



## Day 3 – Tsaa Fjord & Icy Bay

During the morning wildlife watch our first humpback whales were spotted at the same time ducks, geese, cormorants, and loons were streaming past us. Entering Icy Bay, the three massive glacier fronts came into sight as we sailed in through the brash ice. The Zodiac cruises took our guests to a landing on a beach surrounded by

waterfalls fuelled by the melting snow on the mountaintops. Guests walked across streams and between large pieces of stranded ice, all the way to the other side of the beach where they met the Zodiac for more cruising in the ice. Another beautiful and icy expedition day!



## Day 4 – Inian Islands

Today's Zodiac cruising was in between the Inian Islands, where tufted puffins, pigeon guillemots, black-legged kittiwakes, and pelagic cormorants surrounded us. Bald eagles looked at us from high up in the tree tops, and Stellar sea lions were hauled out on rocky islands. Their fishy smell and loud roars made the experience

unforgettable! Sea otters floated by the kelp, sometimes with food between their front paws, and other times with a cub on their belly. During the plans for tomorrow presentation in the evening, humpback whales were announced, and we could see their tall breaths linger over the calm waters as the setting sun painted the clouds pink.





## Day 5 – Haines

A sunny day in Haines! With lovely shops; forests full of Sitka spruce, hemlock, and birds; and a backdrop of snowy white peaks, Haines had something for everyone. Some went on hikes or took a self-guided walk, while others kayaked to discover the area from a different perspective. Wildlife was present the entire day, and some

lucky guests saw bald eagles, red squirrels, and even porcupines and moose. We passed by a large and loud haul out of Stellar sea lions as we sailed southwards, and saw the alpenglow on the snowy caps of the Coast Mountains range as we reached the entrance of William Henry Bay.





## Day 6 – William Henry Bay

We started the day with a nature landing at William Henry Bay and a walk to the forest, where spring was in full swing with new leaves on the trees. We came to a meadow with newly sprouted skunk cabbage. Among the large yellow flowers, we found a black bear enjoying the day, sitting, rolling, and walking around.

On the beach, the bravest guests had a swim in the water – at only 7°C! (45°F). Others preferred to explore the water from the inflatable kayaks or the science boat. As we continued south, sailing along mountains, forests, and glaciers, some humpback whales decided to show up to round up another wonderful day of exploration.





## Day 7 – Endicott Arm

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The spring was clearly advancing as we sailed further south. Sailing inwards past icebergs in Endicott Arm, guests admired the granite cliffs framed by blue glaciers and light green alders with freshly sprung leaves. One of many black bears of the day was sitting below the tide line eating barnacles for breakfast. Today's Zodiac cruising took place in front of the Dawes Glacier, where Arctic terns rested on bergy bits, distant harbour seals were hauled out on the ice, and a bald eagle had found a perch on the glacier front.

The ship was festively decorated with Norwegian flags for Norwegian Constitution Day.

We hosted a traditional celebration with hot dogs, ice cream, marching band music, and enthusiastic Norwegians in the morning. The Captain cut a celebratory cake in the afternoon, and Aune restaurant served a Norwegian buffet in the evening.



## Day 8 – Kake

People from Kake visited us on board in the morning; singing, dancing, and sharing stories about their regalia and Lingít culture. The rest of the morning, we visited Kake, where we could see the world's tallest totem pole, and have a closer look at traditional clothing, weaving, and craftsmanship at the community centre.

In the afternoon guests went on a Zodiac cruise in between small spruce-clad islands and into shallow river mouths and quiet coves. Eagles watched us from the treetops, and some guests were lucky and saw black bears grazing along the shore. Sailing into the Chatham Strait, guests enjoyed the onboard program, with Liars Club in the Explorer Lounge.





## Day 9 – Klawock and Craig

We arrived at the bustling lumber port of Klawock early in the morning. With a slight delay, we were able to get everyone ashore and on their respective tours exploring Prince of Wales Island. The ̓ingít and Haida peoples of Klawock and Craig welcomed us and

shared stories of their families from times past and present. The beautiful totem park told stories of community and perseverance through hard times, bringing back to life tales from a more mystical time.



## Day 10 — Misty Fjords National Monument

In the morning guests cruised via Zodiac the glassy waters of Misty Fjord. Common mergansers and marbled murrelets sat on the water as we cruised by. Curious harbour seals had a look at us from the water, and the luckiest among us saw a black bear mother with two cubs walking along the shore.

We went near the loud waterfalls formed by the melting snow from the mountains above. In the trees we could see a bald eagles' nest, and in the lower branches, the blue-belted kingfishers with their white collar sat looking for their next fish meal. Another beautiful day surrounded by spectacular nature, steep mountainsides, and special rock formations!





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## Day 11 — At sea: Inside Passage

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It was finally time for us to make our way through the narrow Inside Passage as we headed southwards. We sailed past misty mountains where the low clouds gently touched the tops of the tall spruces. Throughout the day we passed by small communities, fishing boats,

and waterfalls. On board there was time to attend lectures, wildlife watch, attend workshops, participate in a scavenger hunt, and to reflect on the voyage. The crew band played in the evening to a full dance floor!



## Day 12 — Alert Bay

For the last full day, we spent a beautiful morning visiting Alert Bay. A highlight of the visit for many was the cultural performance of song, dance, and masks located around a bonfire in the Big House. Towards the end some guests joined in the dance!

Many visited the cultural centre and the shops, and all saw the colourful totem poles and bald eagles all over the island. Back on

board, sailing our final stretch to Vancouver through the narrow Inside Passage, guest enjoyed the science and education recap, wildlife watches, and the last opportunity to finish the art projects.

Last but not least, we gathered to watch the voyage recap video made by Photographer Ted, and celebrated the wonderful adventures we have shared together at the Captain's Farewell.







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