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Anchorage

Kodiak

YUKON

Whitehorse

Juneau

Sitka

Wrangell

Ketchikan

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver

Victoria

WASHINGTON

200 km

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## Vancouver

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On 13 June, guests boarded MS Roald Amundsen in Vancouver, and the voyage through the coastal wilderness of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska began. As the ship cast off and headed north, the city skyline gave way to forested islands, mountain vistas, and the

sheltered waters of the Inside Passage. In the days ahead, the Expedition Team would guide guests through a region shaped by glaciers, rich in wildlife, and home to diverse Indigenous cultures — one of the most rewarding coastlines on Earth.

At Sea - Jun 24, 2026



## At Sea

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Our first full day at sea offered a chance to settle into the rhythm of life on board as MS Roald Amundsen continued north toward the wild landscapes of Alaska. Under clear skies and bright sunshine, the ship sailed in calm waters framed by forested shores and distant mountains. A highlight of the day was the Captain's Welcome, where

guests gathered to celebrate the beginning of the voyage and look ahead to the days to come. The onboard programme reflected the breadth of expertise on board: photographer Martin gave a photography lecture, Rudy explored nautical superstitions, and Expedition Leader Adrian shared plans for the following day.

Misty Fjords, United States - Jun 15, 2026



# Misty Fjords

Today we experienced our first close encounter with the wilderness of Alaska as we explored the spectacular Misty Fjords by expedition boat. Surrounded by towering granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and dense temperate rainforest, we cruised through a landscape shaped by glaciers over thousands of years. Low clouds and drifting mist

added to the atmosphere, giving the fjords their evocative name and creating a profound sense of scale and solitude. In addition, Ornithologist George led a lecture on the seabirds of Alaska and Historian Sandra covered the Alaska Gold Rush. We also explored the open Science Centre and met the scientists on board

Klawock & Craig, United States - Jun 16, 2026



## Klawock & Craig

Today we visited the neighbouring communities of Klawock and Craig on Prince of Wales Island, gaining insight into life in Southeast Alaska beyond the wilderness. In Klawock, we explored one of Alaska's most impressive collections of totem poles, each telling stories deeply

rooted in the traditions and history of the Tlingit people. Elliot gave a talk on Alaskan self-governance, and Pam presented on the sea turtles of Alaska. The science team conducted a plankton lab session and the scientists led a 'What Did We See' session with guests.

Kake, United States - Jun 17, 2026



# Kake

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Today offered an exceptional combination of wilderness and community as we explored Hamilton Bay by expedition boat before visiting the village of Kake. In the sheltered waters of the bay, we cruised along a rugged coastline backed by dense rainforest and steep mountains. Later, we came ashore in Kake, a small community on Kupreanof Island with deep roots in Tlingit culture. In Kake, guests

explored the history and traditions of the area, while experiencing daily life in one of Alaska's remote coastal settlements. A highlight for many was seeing the community's impressive totem pole, among the tallest in the world. Our expedition also offered lectures, such as 'What Seabirds Eat' by Lancy and 'The Bears of Southeast Alaska' by Emily.

Inian Islands, United States - Jun 18, 2026



## Inian Islands

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Today we explored the dynamic waters of the Inian Islands, where powerful tidal currents create one of Southeast Alaska's richest feeding grounds for wildlife. Travelling by expedition boat, we navigated through narrow channels and rocky passages while keeping watch for Steller sea lions, sea otters, harbour seals, and a variety of seabirds. The nutrient-rich waters attracted an abundance of life, and

every turn seemed to offer a new wildlife encounter. The combination of dramatic scenery, active wildlife, and expert interpretation made for an exciting day in one of the most productive marine environments of the Inside Passage. Guests joined Jenna and Dave for the NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer citizen science project.

Icy Bay, United States - Jun 19, 2026



# Icy Bay

Under clear skies and brilliant sunshine, we explored the magnificent waters of Icy Bay by expedition boat, surrounded by some of the grandest scenery in Alaska. As we cruised across the bay, the immense scale of the landscape became apparent, with glaciers descending from the mountains and ice-carved valleys stretching toward the sea. Calm conditions and excellent visibility provided outstanding opportunities to appreciate this remote and rarely visited

wilderness. Dominating the horizon was the towering St. Elias massif, rising to more than 5,000 metres above sea level and forming part of one of the highest coastal mountain ranges on Earth. The contrast between the snow-covered peaks, the blue glacial ice, and the sunlit waters created a spectacular setting. Dave gave a talk on the secret lives of humpback whales and from Peter presented on the seabird economy.

Valdez, United States - Jun 20, 2026



# Valdez

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Bathed in sunshine, Valdez welcomed us with stunning mountain scenery, a vibrant harbour, and a warm Alaskan atmosphere. Nestled at the head of Prince William Sound, the town is surrounded by towering peaks and waterfalls, creating one of the most picturesque settings in the state. Many took time to stroll along the marina while

others joined a variety of excursions. An unexpected highlight awaited at the pier, where a curious marmot delighted many of us as it basked in the sunshine near the waterfront. Valdez provided a memorable day ashore. Today's onboard programme included James, who gave a talk on the ships of Alaska and where to find them.

College Fjord, United States - Jun 21, 2026



## College Fjord

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Today we explored the landscapes of College Fjord by expedition boat under clear blue skies and bright sunshine. Surrounded by a stunning collection of tidewater glaciers, we cruised through calm, ice-dotted waters where growlers and small bergs drifted silently from the glacier fronts. We spotted numerous harbour seals hauled out on

the ice and curious sea otters floating in the sheltered waters. Many guests also joined a kayak tour with the activity guides and others joined the science boat. During the late afternoon, the Expedition Team and guests gathered for the Captain's Farewell, marking the close of a remarkable voyage.



Whittier, United States - Jun 22, 2026

## Whittier

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MS Roald Amundsen arrived in Whittier on the morning of 22 June, marking the final port of a voyage through Alaska's Inside Passage. After days among fjords, glaciers, and remote coastal communities, the Expedition Team said farewell to guests who had shared something rare — a journey defined not by a single highlight, but by

cumulative and unhurried wonder. Beneath the steep peaks that ring the harbour, guests disembarked and set off on their onward journeys, carrying memories of wildlife encounters, slow-moving glacial ice, and the open breadth of the Alaskan coast. The voyage had ended. The experiences would not.



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