



Alaska's Inside Passage: Fjords of The Great Land

MS Roald Amundsen, 23.5 – 1.6.2026



Legend

— HX Expedition

200 km

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Day 1 - Vancouver

Starting out adventure in sunny Vancouver, our guests were received on board MS Roald Amundsen by the friendly crew. They explored the public areas and attended the mandatory safety briefing, where

the Expedition Team modelled the bright orange survival suits. With the city behind us we were all getting ready for the adventures ahead.



Day 2 - At sea

Sailing northwards, our guests were preparing for the expedition days ahead by receiving their rubber boots and HX expedition jackets, and attending briefings about the various activities. The calm morning brought the first glimpses of rhinoceros auklets and Pacific white-sided dolphins. The brave travellers that attended the wildlife watches

on the bow of the ship as the wind and swell picked up were rewarded by observing some sooty shearwaters. They they were welcomed on board by Captain Bram, the officers, and the Expedition Team in the afternoon, and toasted a Norwegian "SKÅL" for the voyage ahead.



Day 3 - Misty Fjord

We sailed past New Eddystone and in to the narrow Misty Fjords, along green forests and granite cliffs dotted with waterfalls filled by snowmelt from the white peaks, for a sunny day on the water. The first Zodiac adventure of the voyage took us further into the fjord, where fish-eating harbour seals and a river otter greeted some of their

luckiest visitors. Looking into the glassy waters, we could see schools of small fish and orange jellyfish, and we could even smell the mosses and spruces ashore. The kayakers enjoyed a calm day on the water with common mergansers flying by and a bald eagle circling above, with the echoing song from the nearby waterfalls.



Day 4 - Klawock Island

Our first community visits to Klawock and Craig offered our guests their first close-up sightings of the majestic bald eagles. Guests were greeted by friendly people on the pier with coffee, cookies, music, and bonfire. From here, they spread out on excursions or took the shuttle bus to explore on their own. They also had the opportunity to

observe intricate and colourful totem poles created by local master carvers. The beautiful totem park told stories of community and perseverance through hard times, bringing back to life tales from a more mystical time.



Day 5 (AM) - Hamilton bay

We started the day with a Zodiac cruise in between small spruce-clad islands and into shallow river mouths and quiet coves in Hamilton

Bay. Eagles watched us from the treetops, and some guests got lucky and saw black bears and moose along the shore.



Day 5 (PM) - Kake

A group from Kake visited us on board in the morning and conducted a performance where we had an opportunity to hear their language, drums, songs, and stories, and see their dances and regalia. It was then our guests' turn to visit Kake, where they could see the world's tallest totem pole. The community centre had displays of

Lingít regalia, clothing, and decorations made of sea otter fur, cedar bark, and porcupine needles. The crew from MS Roald Amundsen played a basketball match against the local team from Kake. We all felt warmly welcome by this lovely community!





Day 6 - 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. The strong tidal current made for rich waters filled with food for all of the wildlife we saw. Bald eagles looked at us from high up in the treetops, 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. A humpback whale and some orcas came by while some tuests where on a science boat outing and cruising. Through Happywhale, we found out that the whale had last been seen in Baja, California, in March the same year!





Day 7 - Icy Bay

The day started with the sound of brash ice crushing against the bow of the ship as we made our way into Icy Bay in view of the three massive glaciers. We cruised our Zodiacs past icebergs and bergy bits, and curious harbour seals looked at us from the water. Both from the bow and from the Zodiacs we could see several harbour seal

mothers with their small pups resting on the ice. The afternoon was spent on board with our guests attending lectures, workshops, and a wildlife watch, and wrapped up with the HX Foundation charity auction. It was another beautiful and icy expedition day!



Day 8 - Valdez

Sailing in towards Valdez, we saw otters and humpbacks in the fjord. The spring comes a bit later up north, and the snow was still far down on the mountain sides. We had a wonderful day in Valdez and our guests spread out in town to go on excursions and visit museums. Some bald eagles were eating fish offal on the pier, giving us a close

look at the large birds. Walking around town we could see the first leaves sprouting, and the willows flowering. The crew band played into the bright spring night as we sailed towards tomorrow's adventure.



Day 9 - College Fjord

We wrapped up the last full day of this wonderful voyage in College Fjord where we conducted some Zodiac cruises and two types of kayaking, where guests glided through the glassy water in the presence of the massive front of the Harvard Glacier. The glacier thundered as it calved, and large areas collapsed into the water.

Along the shore, black oystercatchers continued their foraging, seemingly unaware of the natural wonders around them. On board our guests said goodbye to the crew in Captain's Farwell, and got ready to leave MS Roald Amundsen, filled with beautiful memories from the voyage of a lifetime.





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