



Alaska's Inside Passage: Fjords of The Great Land

MS Roald Amundsen, 4 – 13 July 2026



Legend



Driving

200 km

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Day 1 - Vancouver

MS Roald Amundsen cast off from Vancouver on a clear, sun-bright afternoon, and as the city skyline receded behind us, the Inside Passage opened ahead. Forested islands replaced the urban horizon; mountain vistas rose where office towers had stood. As guests settled

into life on board and the ship's community began to take shape, the Expedition Team turned its attention northward — toward a coastline shaped by glaciers, rich in wildlife, and home to diverse Indigenous cultures. The journey had begun.



Day 2 - Sea Day

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

As the ship moved northward through the scenic waterways of the Pacific Northwest, the onboard programme took shape. Our Photographer Ted led a lecture on expedition photography, while Rudy explored the rich world of nautical superstitions. Expedition Leader Adrian held the first planning briefing of the voyage, setting out what lay ahead. Rounding out the day, the onboard team of scientists introduced guests to the scientific and educational programme running throughout the expedition.



Day 3 - Misty Fjords National Monument

Today we explored the spectacular Misty Fjords by expedition boat. Towering granite cliffs dropped into the water, cascading waterfalls cut through dense temperate rainforest, and low cloud drifted between the peaks — giving the fjords their evocative name and filling every frame with atmosphere. We cruised through a landscape shaped by glaciers over thousands of years, the silence broken only by water and birdsong.

In the afternoon, guests visited the open science centre, and many joined the wildlife watch on deck. The Citizen Science project — NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer — invited guests to contribute observations from one of the most atmospheric settings imaginable. On board, our Ornithologist George introduced guests to the seabirds of the northeast Pacific, while our Historian Sandra traced the layered history of Alaska.



Day 4 - Klawock & Craig, Prince of Wales Island

Today we visited the neighbouring communities of Klawock and Craig on Prince of Wales Island, gaining an 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. On board, we learned from our guest scientists Wendy and Allyson about 'The Aerosol Canvas: The Art & Science of Observing Alaska Fog'. Dave also led a session on whales and dolphins of the northeast Pacific, and many guests joined the wildlife watch on deck with our Ornithologist George.



Day 5 - Kake, Kupreanof Island

Today offered a wonderful combination of wilderness and community life as we explored the Keku Islands 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. Guests had the opportunity to learn about 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. The onboard programme offered a rich complement to the day ashore: George led a lecture on the bald eagle, our guest scientists ran a workshop on sketching the Alaskan landscape, and Lancy led a session of wildlife origami.



Day 6 - Inian Islands, Icy Strait

Today we explored the dynamic waters of the Inian Islands in sunny and calm weather. 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 offered 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. We also spotted a brown bear walking along the coastline.

On board, Giulia led a session on the secret life of sea otters. Interns Hannah and Annabelle shared their academic journeys toward becoming scientists, and during the afternoon guests joined a Q&A session with the officers of MS Roald Amundsen.



Day 7 - Icy Bay, Yakutat

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 — glaciers descending from the mountains, ice-carved valleys stretching toward the sea. Calm conditions and excellent visibility provided outstanding opportunities to take in 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 snow-covered peaks, blue glacial ice, and sunlit water created a spectacular setting.

Ted led a lecture on the bears of Alaska, and Giulia led a session on the life cycle of Alaska's salmon.



Day 8 - Valdez, Prince William Sound

Bathed in sunshine, Valdez welcomed us with mountain scenery on every side — towering peaks and waterfalls enclosing the head of Prince William Sound in one of the state's most striking natural settings. Guests spread out across the town: many strolled the marina, while others joined a variety of excursions. An unexpected highlight awaited at the pier, where a curious marmot drew a small crowd as it

basked near the waterfront.

The onboard programme rounded out the day in memorable fashion. Dave led a lecture on killer whales, and guests could also visit the open science centre and the art corner.



Day 9 - College Fjord, Prince William Sound

Today we explored the glacier-fringed landscapes of College Fjord by expedition boat. Surrounded by a remarkable assembly 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

floated in the sheltered waters. Marina led a session on ice and climate change in the polar regions. Many guests also joined a kayak tour, and some joined the science expedition boat. The late afternoon brought the Captain's Farewell — a moment to look back on an exceptional voyage together.





Day 10 - Whittier, Prince William Sound

MS Roald Amundsen arrived in Whittier on a morning framed by steep, cloud-touched mountains — a suitably dramatic curtain call for Alaska's Inside Passage. After ten days among fjords, glaciers, and remote coastal communities, it was time to say farewell. Guests disembarked from the harbour, heading onward with memories of

wildlife encounters, glacier-filled waterways, and the deep, unhurried rhythm of expedition travel. Though the voyage had reached its end, the experiences of those days — the ice, the wildlife, the vast silences of the Alaskan interior — would remain long after the mountains had passed from view.



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