



Our Smithsonian Expert



Patricia Hostiuck is a popular and respected naturalist whose work has taken her nearly "pole-to-pole," from Greenland, Iceland, Siberia, the Canadian High Arctic and

Alaska, south to Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, the Falklands, Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia and Antarctica. She has served as a study leader on numerous Smithsonian tours. Teaching in the field about the natural world, she has shared her expertise in mammals, birds, insects and plants aboard ships and on the trail with thousands of fellow explorers in dozens of remote areas. Patty's unabashed enthusiasm for natural history, backed by her encyclopedic knowledge, makes learning come alive for all who travel with her. Patty looks forward to returning to Alaska, where she began her career as a ranger for Tongass and Chugach National Forests plying the waters of the Inside Passage and Prince William Sound.

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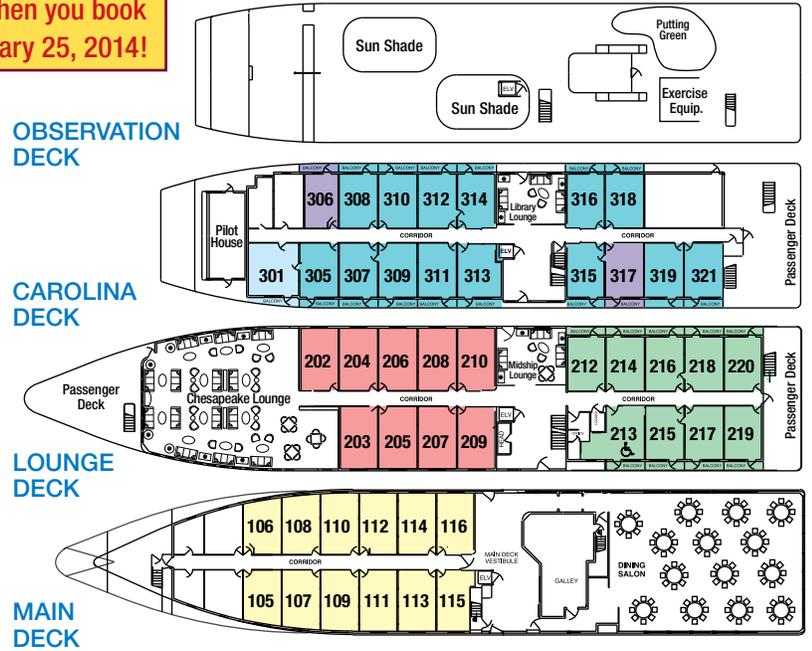
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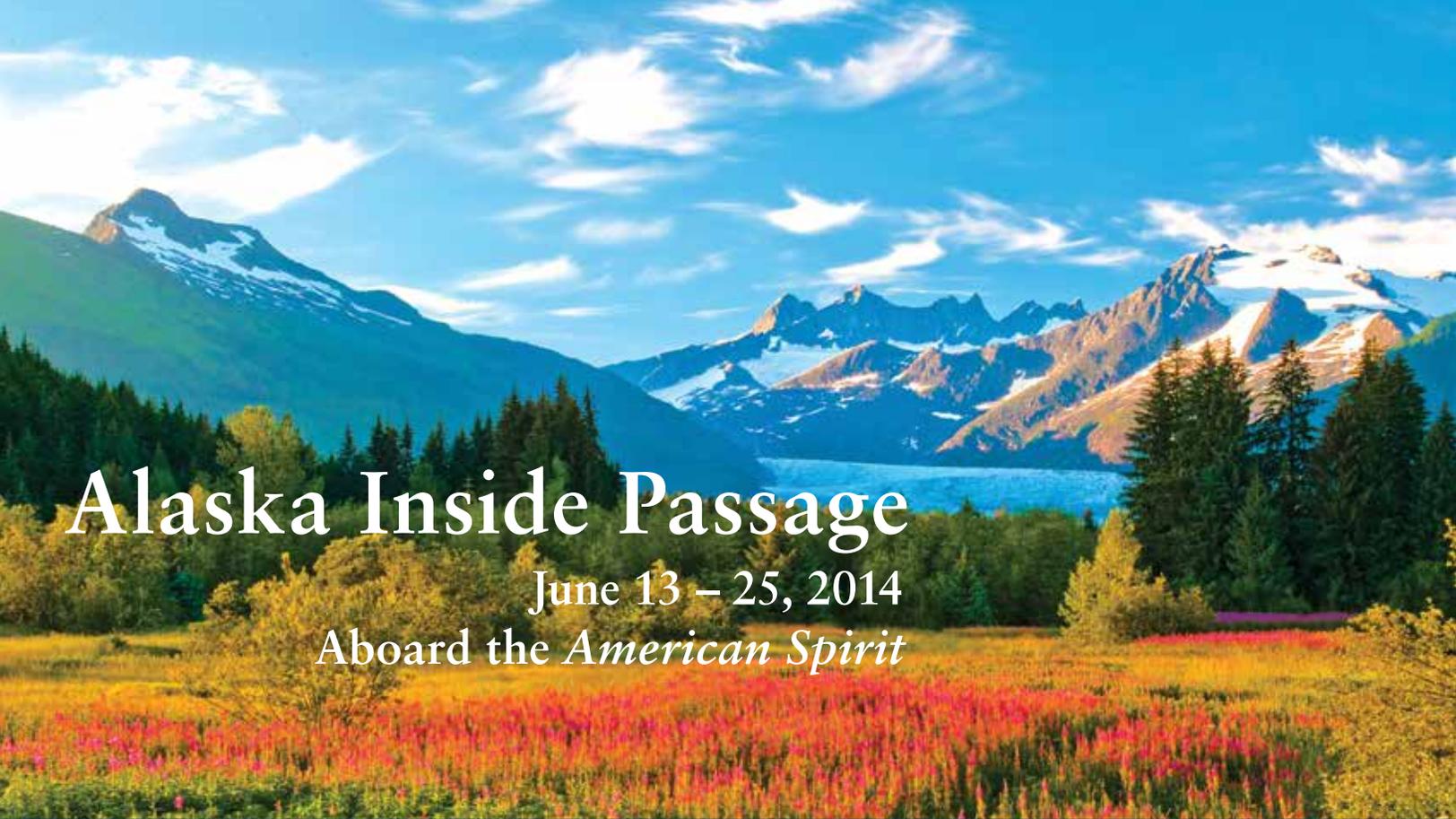
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Category A	\$9,055
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Voyage Highlights

Join us in Seattle for a festive welcome reception, overnight and tour of the Emerald City before gathering on board *American Spirit* for your 11-night sailing expedition.

Relax in your oversized stateroom and enjoy sumptuous meals in the dining salon as you cruise through this spectacular region.

Gather onboard with like-minded American Cruise Lines travelers for informative lectures on the natural history of Alaska with popular Study Leader Patty Hostiuick.

Sail to Friday Harbor, part of the San Juan archipelago to explore the Whale Museum, the first museum in the country devoted to a species living in the wild.

Marvel at Misty Fjords National Monument, with its steep valleys formed by glaciers and lava flows.

Learn about the diverse history of the Pacific Northwest, from Native American nations to the fiercely independent settlers who arrived with the Gold Rush.

Discover the town of Wrangell, known for its Tlingit heritage and Petersburg, a thriving fishing community with a proud Norwegian heritage.

Ply the waters of Frederick Sound, one of the world's premier whale watching destinations, and Tracy Arm, with its hundreds of cascading waterfalls.



Explore remote fjords

Itinerary

DAY 1 ■ SEATTLE, WA

Meet fellow travelers and staff at a festive welcome reception at the hotel. Dinner and the remainder of the evening are on your own. (R)

DAY 2 ■ SEATTLE, WA & ANACORTES, WA

Explore the city of Seattle on a narrated tour. Stroll through downtown and visit Pike Place Market, the oldest continually operating farmers' market in the United States. Visit the iconic Seattle Space Needle, built for the 1962 World Expo. This afternoon, board *American Spirit*, your home for the next 11 nights! (B,L,D)

DAY 3 ■ FRIDAY HARBOR, WA

Explore the charming town of Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. Take an excursion to the Whale Museum, which promotes stewardship of whales and the Salish Sea ecosystem (the inland waters of Puget Sound) through education and research. Learn more about the local orca pods and other marine mammals and peruse the extensive displays of exhibits, artwork, models, and artifacts. (B,L,D)

DAY 4, 5, AND 6 ■ CRUISING THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Be sure to be out on deck often with Study Leader Patty Hostiuick because the wildlife is truly abundant as we begin our majestic 3 day sailing up the Inside Passage. Look for breaching humpback whales, foraging brown bears, soaring eagles and more. And the views are spectacular with towering glaciers that calve into the sea with thunderous crashes, soaring fjords carved through pristine forests and fog-shrouded islands set amidst fast-moving, wildlife-rich channels. You'll also enjoy a series of lectures, talks, and lively onboard entertainment as you cruise. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 ■ KETCHIKAN, AK

Alaska's southernmost city, Ketchikan is known as "Salmon Capital of the World." Visit the local fishing canneries, seaplane docks, and Ketchikan's waterfront community on a specially arranged tour. (B,L,D)

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Abundant wildlife



Petersburg, Alaska

DAY 8 ■ WRANGELL, AK

View the petroglyph carvings as you enter the “Gateway to the Stikine River.” Visit the Wrangell Museum and explore fascinating artifacts that represent the city’s rich and colorful past, you can also browse through local shops and take home a small intricately carved totem pole! You’ll take a Jet Boat tour on the scenic Stikine River which was used by the coastal Tlingit as a transportation route to the interior regions. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 ■ PETERSBURG, AK

Located on Frederick Sound, Petersburg is a thriving fishing community with a strong Norwegian heritage. Hundreds of fishermen and laborers flocked to Petersburg from all over the world to make their fortune in silver. The town continues to thrive with one of the largest fishing fleets in Alaska. Discover the rich heritage of the town during a guided walking tour that ends at the Clausen Museum, where you will view collections of artifacts, photographs, and archives that provide a well-rounded overview of the town and the surrounding area. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 ■ CRUISING THROUGH FREDERICK SOUND

Enjoy lectures by your Study Leader and watch for wildlife as you cruise the Sound.

DAY 11 ■ TRACY ARM, AK & SOUTH SAWYER GLACIER

Marvel at the spectacular scenery as you cruise by Tracy Arm’s sheer, 1,500 foot high vertical cliffs. Look for seals and witness an abundance of cascading waterfalls along the sides of the fjord. Learn more about this beautiful region during informal lectures and talks. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 ■ JUNEAU, AK

Sail in to Gastineau Channel. Long before European settlement in the Americas, the channel was a favorite fishing ground for local Tlingit Indians, known then as the Auke and Taku tribes, who had inhabited the surrounding area for thousands of years. Dock in Juneau, the capital city of Alaska. Depart on a guided tour where you’ll learn about the lively Gold Rush era and more! Journey outside of town to view the spectacular Mendenhall Glacier and spend time at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, which affords stunning views of this lake-terminating, calving glacier. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner with your Study Leader and fellow travelers. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 ■ JUNEAU, AK

After breakfast, disembark the *American Spirit* and transfer to the Juneau International Airport for individual flights home. (B)

Jet boat on the Stikine River



Terms and Conditions

Our Mission

Smithsonian Journeys are designed to engage travelers in Smithsonian's mission—"the increase and diffusion of knowledge." Like the Institution, our tours enrich our guests' lives and satisfy their curiosity about the world. Your participation benefits the work of Smithsonian's 19 museums, the National Zoo, and nine research centers, helping to preserve our national treasures and shape the future through science, research, and exhibitions.

What Is Included in the Tour Cost

- All shore excursions.
- Expert Study Leader and Local Guides, and tour management throughout the tour.
- All accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- All meals except dinner the first night.
- Cocktails and wine with dinner each evening.
- All on-tour transportation unless otherwise noted.
- Emergency evacuation insurance (up to \$50,000) and access to emergency assistance service.

What Is Not Included in the Tour Cost

- Port Charges and Fees of \$250 per person.
- Transfers to and from your home to the program site and transfers to and from the airports.
- Gratuities to the ship's crew. Recommended: \$16 per person per day.
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Reservations and Deposits

Space is reserved in the order of phone reservation or through our website. Deposits are applied to payment of the program price. Unless otherwise noted:

- Deposit of \$1,000 per person, per program, payable by check to American Cruise Lines (ACL) or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover), is required to reserve a space on a tour program.
- Balance due upon invoicing from ACL 90 days prior to the program, unless otherwise stated. If payment is not received 30 days prior to departure, your place cannot be guaranteed on the tour.

Cancellations and Refunds

This cancellation and refund schedule applies only to tours in this brochure.

- Cancellations within 7 days of booking (if not within final payment date): full refund.
- Cancellations after 7 days of booking: \$1,000 retained (entire deposit).
- Final payment due: 90 days prior to departure.
- Cancellations made less than 90 days prior to departure: no refund.
- Cancellation by the Smithsonian Institution: full refund.
- No refund for unused portions of the tour, including but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing.

Please understand that there will be no exceptions to our cancellation policy.

Nonrefundable Airline Tickets

We urge you to check airline cancellation penalties before purchasing airline tickets since departure times and flights can change. Tours also can be cancelled due to low enrollments. Neither Smithsonian Institution nor the tour operator accepts liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets purchased independently in conjunction with a tour.

Travel Insurance

For the convenience of our travelers, Smithsonian Journeys includes a Provided Insurance Plan, through Travel Guard, with the price of your tour. This travel insurance plan includes \$50,000 in emergency evacuation; \$25,000 in emergency medical expenses and \$500 in emergency dental expenses. Please visit SmithsonianJourneys.org to view coverage details. Please also visit www.TravelGuard.com/SmithsonianJourneys to learn about optional coverage.

Itinerary Changes

Smithsonian strives to improve tour itineraries and their features. If improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and to substitute hotels. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned but alterations may still occur after the final itineraries are sent.

Singles and Roommates

Staterooms in Categories A, AAL, AAC, and Owners Suite that are designed for doubles can be purchased by single travelers for 175% of the per person double occupancy rate. If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room, we will do our best to find someone of the same gender and smoking preference to share with you. When a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement will be charged.

Photography

Participants on tour may be photographed for the educational and promotional purposes of the Smithsonian Institution.

Smoking Policy

There is no smoking aboard the ship. Participants are requested to refrain from smoking on motorcoaches and during group meals, lectures, and events.

A Note About Costs

Tour costs are based upon current tariffs, currency values, and on the basis of a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. Should actual enrollments fall significantly below minimum numbers, a surcharge may be added. Due to fluctuations in oil prices, a fuel surcharge may be added to your tour. Details and costs will be advised prior to final payment.

Physical and Medical Considerations

Please note that these tours require that participants be in good physical condition: you must be capable, without assistance, of walking a minimum of one mile over uneven terrain and of climbing stairs that may not have handrails. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with an active group of travelers on long days of touring. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in a tour, please call us at 1-877-338-8687.

Elevator

The *American Spirit* has an elevator.

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