Discover
Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

JULY 12-19, 2024

Featuring Neil P Kelley,
Assistant Professor
Department of Earth
and Environmental Science

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join us for a summertime expedition through some of nature’s more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska’s Inside Passage aboard the 76-guest Chichagof Dream.

Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader.

Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature’s amazing show.

This program also offers an optional pre-tour to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay at a hilltop lodge with panoramic views just north of the park entrance, and learn how this magnificent landscape became one of our nation’s most breathtaking conservation areas.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve by contacting the Vanderbilt Travel Office by calling 615.322.3673.

With best wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled learning opportunities for an exclusive “beyond the classroom experience.”

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Your 8-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Juneau – Embarkation (D)
Alaska State Museum, Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 2: Icy Strait / Chichagof Island (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife viewing
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 3: Glacier Bay National Park (B,L,D)
Dynamic glaciers, and guided walk with a National Park Ranger
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 4: Tracy Arm Fjord (B,L,D)
Kayak, skiff excursions, wildlife and glacier viewing
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 5: Petersburg / Frederick Sound (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, Petersburg tour, hike
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 6: Eastern Baranof Island / Hidden Falls (B,L,D)
Hidden Falls Hatchery
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 7: Lake Eva (B,L,D)
Wildlife viewing, hike, farewell dinner
Overnight: Chichagof Dream

Day 8: Sitka – Disembarkation (B)
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Due to the nature of our explorations, itineraries are guidelines and may change in order to maximize wildlife and natural encounters.

Activity Level: This program offers a variety of activities, typically not strenuous for guests with average mobility, including skiff rides, hiking, and kayaking. Walks and hikes are at a leisurely pace in order to see and learn as much as possible about the region. It’s our expectation that guests are able to walk with good balance, and go up and down stairs easily without assistance. NOTE: The Chichagof Dream does not have an elevator.
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Explore
• See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the Chichagof Dream or aboard its skiffs and kayaks.

Interact
• Accompanied by expert naturalists, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.
• Discover Alaska’s culture and living history during a visit to the Alaska State Museum.
• Meet a National Park Ranger for a guided walk during your visit to Glacier Bay National Park.

Admire
• Take a guided tour of the Norwegian fishing community of Petersburg.
• Cruise around the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve to see the sanctuary’s deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.

What’s Included
• 7 nights aboard the Chichagof Dream
• All onboard hand-crafted meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners—including a special Captain’s Farewell Dinner, and complimentary wine and beer at dinner
• An onboard lecture program and educational guidance of two expert naturalists, with an Orbridge Expedition Leader
• Guided kayaking, hiking, walking, skiff excursions, and wildlife viewing
• All port fees and entry fees to parks, preserves, museums, attractions and special excursions as described in the itinerary
• Gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, airport transfer drivers, and drivers/guides on included land excursions
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations

Aboard the Chichagof Dream, you will go where large ships cannot—gaining exclusive access to channels and bays full of wildlife.

The ship’s well-appointed, intimate, and unassuming style allows travelers to experience the true heart and soul of Alaska. The Chichagof Dream features expansive viewing areas on the bow and aft outdoor promenade decks, a hull design optimized for supreme comfort in Alaskan waters, and forward-facing windows in the spacious lounge that extend from the deck to the ceiling, offering panoramic views off the bow.

Enjoy a relaxed cruising speed ideal for viewing the endless surrounding fjords, glaciers, and wildlife. The ship offers complimentary expedition gear while touring, including rain jackets, rain pants, and boots. Plus, each stateroom is outfitted with binoculars. Nothing will be missed as you leisurely traverse the channels, bays, and islands of Southeast Alaska.

After each exciting day of exploration, enjoy delectable hors d’oeuvres and convivial conversation in the lounge before delighting in a five-star dining experience—where talented onboard chefs create mouthwatering masterpieces using fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

- **A**
  - Two twin beds, two porthole windows, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - Approx. 105 sq. ft.

- **AA**
  - Two twin beds, one or two picture windows, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - Approx. 109 sq. ft.

- **AAA**
  - One queen or two twin beds, one large picture window, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - Approx. 109 sq. ft.

- **Deluxe**
  - One queen or two twin beds, one large picture window, spacious wardrobe, private bathroom with shower.
  - Approx. 155 sq. ft.

- **Deluxe Suite (upper)**
  - One queen bed, two large picture windows, spacious wardrobe, vanity, sitting area, private bathroom with shower.
  - Approx. 208 sq. ft.

- **Triple/Quad**
  - Two-room suite (with either queen bed, two twin beds or bunk beds), large picture windows, spacious wardrobe, two private bathrooms with showers.
  - Approx. 218 sq. ft.
Journey into the scenic wilds of America’s most northern state, through Alaska’s rugged forests and wildlife. Your destination: the magnificent, six-million acre Denali National Park and Reserve. A final highlight of this adventure includes an afternoon traveling aboard the historic Alaska Railroad with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass-dome seat.

**Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Day +1:** Arrive in Fairbanks (R)  
Welcome reception  
Overnight: Pike’s Waterfront Lodge

**Day +2:** Fairbanks / Denali National Park (B,L,D)  
Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center; special dinner event and presentation  
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

**Day +3:** Denali National Park  
Wilderness Excursion (B,L)  
Guided backcountry adventure, evening at leisure  
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

**Day +4:** Denali National Park (B,R)  
Optional excursions or activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks, wine and hors d’oeuvres with an Alaskan homesteader  
Overnight: Grande Denali Lodge

**Day +5:** Denali National Park / Anchorage (B,L,D)  
Travel to Anchorage by Alaska Railroad  
Overnight: Hotel Captain Cook

**Day +6:** Depart Anchorage / Arrive Juneau / Day 1 of Main Program (B)

**Optional Excursions:**

- **DogGoneIt Dog Sled Tour:** An intimate visit to an Alaskan frontier home to learn about the lives of the world’s greatest athletes, sled dogs, and racing the Iditarod.
- **Denali Glacier Landing Flight:** A 100-minute plane tour of Denali, viewing the continent’s deepest gorge, glaciers, surrounding peaks and valleys and a landing on one of Denali’s pristine glaciers.
- **Arctic Circle Flight Tour:** This 6-hour tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and visit to Coldfoot Camp.

**Highlights & Inclusions**

- Be on the lookout for vast wildlife including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.
- Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with naturalists nearby.
- Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.
- Listen to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.
- Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.
- **What’s included:** 1 night accommodation in Fairbanks, 3 nights accommodations in Denali, and 1 night accommodation in Anchorage; 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, and 2 receptions; motor coach transportation from Fairbanks to Denali National Park; hotel courtesy shuttle between Grande Denali Lodge, the Denali Park Visitor Center, town, and the rail depot; a full-day wilderness tour into Denali National Park (including a box lunch); a lively dinner event with a special presentation from a Murie Science and Learning Center educator, plus an engaging discussion with Jimmie Hendricks, a colorful local who will share his experiences of summiting Denali; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including reserved seating in the upper-level glass-dome car, priority seating in the dining room for lunch and dinner (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages); gratuities for Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals; transfers between the airport and hotel for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Not all excursions listed may be available. Availability is also subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability and group interests. For flight excursions, weight and minimum age requirements apply.
### Discover Southeast Alaska

**JULY 12-19, 2024**

**Denali Pre-Tour: July 7-12, 2024**

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**Reserve by Check:**
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Email questions to: alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu

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**Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included.**

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**Denali Pre-Tour: Standard Rate Special Rate***

| Double | $3,492 | $3,295 |
| Single | $4,792 | $4,595 |

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**Participants’ dressed weight:**

| Guest #1 | _____________ | Guest #2 | _____________ |

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Featuring Assistant Professor Neil P Kelley
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Dr. Neil Kelley is a paleontologist and evolutionary biologist with a special interest in extinct marine reptiles that were the top ocean predators during the Mesozoic (the ‘Age of Reptiles’). He has participated in fossil excavations in China and North America and visited museum collections around the world. Currently his work includes projects in Nevada, California, Alaska, and Tennessee. His research has been featured in High Country News, Smithsonian Magazine Online and on National Public Radio. He completed his PhD at the University of California, Davis and was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Smithsonian Institution before coming to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.