

Knox Alumni Tour:

Southeast Alaska's Forests, Fisheries, and Wilderness

May 5 - May 12, 2018

Join Knox alumni and friends for a once-in-a-lifetime tour of Southeast Alaska that explores the nature and culture of this amazing region. Led by Instructor of Environmental Studies, Nicolaas Mink, this 8day/7 night tour will include deluxe lodging in Sitka, Alaska, a coastal village on Baranof Island surrounded by the majestic 17-million acre Tongass National Forest. Planned highlights of this alumni tour include fishing on a commercial fishing vessel, multiple day-long excursions into the wilderness surrounding Sitka with local guides and naturalists, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of this majestic Alaskan place.

Day 1: Arrive

Dinner

Arrive in Sitka, Alaska

Day 2: Sitka, the City

Breakfast, Dinner

Sightseeing Tour of Sitka, Alaska, with stops at Sitka National Historic Park and Alaska Raptor Center. Dinner featuring Alaskan Seafood.

Day 3: A Kayak Tour of Sitka Sound

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Local naturalists will take guests on a kayak tour of Sitka Sound, the body of water immediately adjacent to Sitka. The tour will explore marine life and tidal ecologies of the region among the Sound's humpback whales, sea lions, otters, and bald eagles.

Day 4: Juneau's Mendenhall Glacier and Alaskan Brewing Company.

Breakfast, Lunch

Embark from Sitka via plane to arrive an hour later in Juneau, the state's capital. You'll spend your morning visiting Mendenhall Glacier, an arm of the Juneau Ice Field and one of Southeast Alaska's most spectacular glaciers before ending your day with a tasting at one of Alaska's most celebrated breweries.



Day 5: Sealion Cove Expedition

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Journey into the heart of one of the most remote areas of Southeast Alaska aboard your own private charter boat. You'll embark on Kruzoff Island for a 3.5 hike to Sealion Cove. There, you'll spend a leisurely afternoon picnicking and exploring the secluded black sand beaches of the North Pacific.

Day 6 and 7: An Introduction to Alaska's Fisheries

Breakfast and Dinner

Your final two days will be spent learning about Alaska's sustainable fisheries, in classrooms, streams, laboratories, and fishing vessels. You'll receive lessons from fisheries managers, fishermen, fish processors, scientists, and chefs that help you understand the journey of Alaska's fish from the pristine North Pacific to plates across the globe. You'll spend at least ½ day on the water harvesting fish with local captains.

Day 8: Depart

Breakfast

Price:

Double Occupancy: \$3,256

Single Occupancy: \$3,816.

Prices include tours, lodging, selected meals, shuttle to and from airport, and all transportation in and around Southeast Alaska. Price does not include r/t airfare to Sitka, usually around \$800 in May.

In remote and rugged regions of Alaska, weather is one of the key decision-makers and safety is our first priority. The planned itinerary is subject to change based on weather and conditions. Any changes will be clearly communicated with participants.

10 people, max. \$400 deposit due by January 31, 2018 Full payment due April 1, 2018