

SMALL SHIP CRUISES
Southeast Alaska

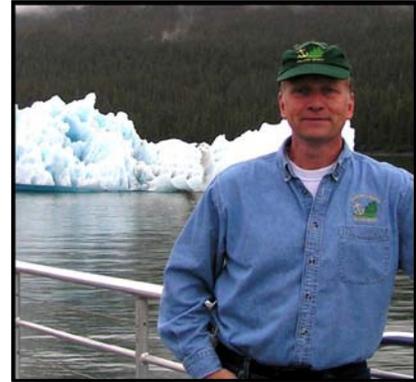


FANTASY CRUISES
“Island Spirit”

Hello from SE Alaska!

Thanks for taking a moment to read about our Small Ship Cruise program in Alaska. We are a family owned business with the owner and Captain on board. I will always strive to bring you the best wildlife, whales, glaciers and bears that SE Alaska has to offer. I hope you'll spend time cruising with our crew to the hidden bays and inlets of SE Alaska, where only small ships can travel. Places that big ship passengers only dream of.

Don't forget to ask your favorite cruise agent about our early booking discounts!



*Captain Jeff Behrens
Owner, M/V Island Spirit*

Why choose this small ship?

ALL INCLUSIVE CRUISES:
KAYAKING, DAILY COCKTAILS & ALL MEALS
TRANSFERS AND TOURS IN JUNEAU, SITKA & PETERSBURG
*OPERATING UNDER U.S. FOREST SERVICE PERMITS

You'll really see Alaska !



- *The most public space per passenger*
- *Queen and Twin rooms available.*
- *Only 32 passengers on board for an intimate, casual and comfortable experience!*
- *Only Small Ship to regularly visit the Alaskan community of Tenakee Springs*
- *Only Small Ship with daylight only cruising*
- *Enjoy narrated skiff exploration in our anchorages*
- *Only Small Ship to spend a full night in Fords Terror*
- *Only US Coast Guard licensed ship that turns off all engines at night and runs on batteries for super quiet nights and a lower carbon footprint.*
- *Kayak in tranquil bays and take nature walks on remote wilderness beaches*



*Chef prepared meals
"Fresh Catch"*

Contact your favorite cruise agent for an early booking discount today!!

SPECIAL PLACES WE VISIT



TENAKEE SPRINGS

A special place and special people. This is the remote town of Tenakee Springs. The Tlingit Indians were the first people to inhabit these shores. By the late 1800's a small settlement sprung up and by 1902 there was a post office established. "Tenakee" meaning "Winter Place" was a favorite spot for the local prospectors and fishermen to wait out the long winters when there was no work. In the 1940's the town found more people spending their summers and Tenakee became the "Summer Place" that it is now. There are only about 98 full time residents in this quaint town. There are no roads, most of the residents walk or ride bicycles on their main street (trail). The Alaska Ferry and float planes arrive once or twice a week to bring in supplies and visitors. The residents of Tenakee Springs value their privacy, but have welcomed the "Island Spirit" to visit their shores. We feel privileged to be accepted by these special people. Please respect their homes and gardens.



FORDS TERROR

Fords Terror is one of the most beautiful places you will ever have the opportunity to visit. Nestled among the high peaks of the Coast Mountains this small fjord will thrill you with its natural beauty. The entrance is narrow and must be entered only at slack water. Therefore the inlet gets few visitors. You will be among those special cruisers who actually have a chance to enter Fords Terror. The Island Spirit will be surrounded by high waterfalls and an abundance of wildlife. We are the only small cruise ship to enter and spend the night in Fords Terror. Fords Terror has always been an isolated inlet. In 1898, when there were more ice flows in the area, a sailor named Ford made his way into the inlet. To his dismay, a large iceberg floated into the narrow entrance and lodged itself there, leaving the sailor stranded until the tide turned many hours later.



Southeast Alaska Itinerary

Day 1



Norwegian Fishing Community

Your AM arrival in Petersburg will give you time to shop and get lunch on your own before tours start at 1PM. Tours include a visit to a local cannery (fish pending) and a walk in the local muskeg park with a good look at the local Bald Eagles. Tonight enjoy a traditional dinner at the Sons of Norway Hall, complete with local entertainment.

Day 2

Heading North into Frederick Sound and Stephens Passage we will be looking for Humpback Whales as they feed in these local waters. If tides are good we may have a chance to visit the oldest lighthouse in SE Alaska. Our anchorage tonight will be in Endicott Arm near the Dawes Glacier. Watch Harbor Seals as they take rest on the many icebergs.



Breaching Humpback Whales

Day 3



Up Close Dawes Glacier

This morning we will visit the Dawes Glacier. We will get as close as we can depending on the ice flows. Enjoy the beauty of this spectacular inlet with the chance to see whales, eagles, seals, or our resident Grizzly, Mr. Ford. Tonight we will enter the rarely visited Fords Terror. You will find yourself surrounded by steep hills and beautiful waterfalls.

Day 4

Today we will relax and enjoy the solitude of our wilderness anchorage. Take out a kayak, enjoy an interpretive cruise in our skiff with the Naturalist or just sit back on a deck chair with your favorite book. No communication with the outside world today as we enjoy nature at its finest. The sound of waterfalls will lull you to sleep tonight.



Special Kayak loading dock
For safety and ease



Alaskan Brown Bear

Day 5

We will have an early departure today to make our port stop in Juneau, the state capitol of Alaska. Enjoy a walking tour of town, a visit to the capitol building and a little time to shop. This afternoon we are headed around Admiralty Island to another quiet anchorage. We will be looking today for Orca & Humpback Whales, as well as Brown Bear.

Day 6

Today you will have the unique opportunity to visit a “real” Alaskan town. Tenakee Springs has a summer population of about 98 people (and dogs). This quaint and friendly town will welcome you to their world for a glimpse of a remote life style. Pick up a souvenir at the local mercantile or mail a postcard from the local post office (Est. 1902).



Tenakee Springs

Day 7

A day of cruising today will take you through many narrow and winding passages. Keep a sharp eye on the shoreline for Bear, Deer and River Otter as we ply these serene & peaceful waterways. Watch the local fishermen troll by or see them hauling in their catch. Our anchorage tonight will be “Captains Choice.”



Peril Strait

Day 8

This morning we will arrive in Sitka, once the Russian Capitol of Alaska. Tours today will include The Raptor Center, The Native Cultural Center at Totem Park and Sheldon Jackson Museum. Later enjoy some shopping and time to explore a little more on your own. Stop by to visit St Michaels Cathedral, The Bishops House, or Castle Hill.



Sitka Raptor Center Tour

Day 9 *Transfers to the airport after breakfast for flights home.*

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ISLAND SPIRIT BAKED ALASKA



Ingredients

- 2 quarts vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 (18.25 ounce) package white cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 8 egg whites
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup white sugar

Directions

Line the bottom and sides of an 8-inch round mixing bowl or deep 8-inch square container with foil. Spread ice cream in container, packing firmly. Cover and freeze 8 hours or until firm.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour an 8x8 inch pan.

Prepare cake mix with egg and almond extract. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven according to package instructions, until center of cake springs back when lightly touched.

Beat egg whites with cream of tartar, salt and sugar until stiff peaks form.

Line a baking sheet with parchment or heavy brown paper. Place cake in center. Turn molded ice cream out onto cake. Quickly and prettily spread meringue over cake and ice cream, all the way to paper to seal. Return to freezer 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Bake the Alaska on the lowest shelf, 8 to 10 minutes, or until meringue is lightly browned. Serve at once.



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Island Spirit
Bear photo

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