Alaska's Glaciers
AND THE Inside Passage

Vancouver • Ketchikan • Wrangell • Sitka
Elfin Cove • Tracy Arm Fjord • Juneau

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship
Five-Star, all-Suite STAR BREEZE

July 14 to 21, 2022
Dear Council Traveler,

A land of pure, epic natural beauty, Alaska is the last great American frontier. Home to Denali, the highest peak in North America; Bering Glacier, the largest glacier in North America; king salmon that exceed 70 pounds and humpback whales 50 feet long, the 49th state defies hyperbole. Cruise between near-vertical rock walls and cobalt-blue icebergs, discover snowcapped peaks, steep fjords and plunging waterfalls and prepare to be enchanted by a staggering array of wildlife on this exceptional cruise of Alaska's glaciers and the Inside Passage.

This specially designed itinerary uniquely combines all-Suite luxury accommodations with exploration-style travel as you cruise from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Juneau, Alaska, under the lingering glow of the long days of summer.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star, all-Suite Star Breeze, with 156 Suites, most with a balcony. This small ship is ideal for traversing narrow fjords and isolated coves inaccessible to larger ships while carefully navigating through the marine ecosystem. Experience thrilling wildlife up close and the unforgettable scenery of southeastern Alaska and Northwestern Pacific Canada from observation decks and during Zodiac excursions.

Alaska's picture-perfect small towns nudge up against a dramatic wilderness where grizzly bears pluck salmon from clear waters and moose and caribou preen freely along the roadside. Call at colorful Ketchikan, rich in Alaskan art and tradition and historic Sitka, a cultural fusion of Tlingit and Russian heritage. Travel through the serene Inside Passage and into remote inlets in search of harbor seals, porpoises, sea lions and sea otters. Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord, a seascape of mesmerizing waterfalls and serrated peaks, to the face of the monumental Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers.

Begin your voyage in cosmopolitan Vancouver for the Pre-Program Option and explore British Columbia's most vibrant city. Complement your cruise with the Denali Post-Program Option, where you will travel deep into Alaska's interior to explore Denali National Park, see the tallest peak in North America and visit the former frontier trading post of Fairbanks.

I took this tour in 2019 and can share first-hand what an unforgettable adventure it is! Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 x 209 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Shoshana Altrichter, Vice President of Travel

“We were expecting fun, beauty and adventure and we got all of that and so much more. The ship was amazing, beautiful and beyond comfortable! The scenery and places we visited were simply beyond expectations!”

– Carole Hudson, NC

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Exploring the Inside Passage

Shaped by the Ice Age and sheltered from the Pacific Ocean by one thousand miles of islands lining North America’s Pacific Coast, the Inside Passage renders untamed Alaska a picturesque panorama of magnificent glaciers, snowcapped mountains and pristine wilderness. Stand on the deck of our Five-Star, all-Suite small ship as you cruise protected cliff-rimmed fjords and inlets of serene waters. Watch for wildlife such as bald eagles, harbor seals, humpback whales and brown bears. See the thunderous calving of the Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers, venture into narrow Tracy Arm Fjord and Endicott Arm Fjord and explore the Passage's hidden treasure—seldom-visited Elfin Cove. Along the way, encounter the indigenous culture of the Tlingit, onion-domed churches built by Russian fur traders, quirky fishing villages, trading outposts settled by American pioneers and Gold Rush settlements built over a century ago.

**Itinerary**

**Vancouver • Victoria Pre-Program Option**

1 Depart home city/Arrive in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada/Embark Star Breeze

2 Cruising the Inside Passage

3 Ketchikan

4 Wrangell

5 Sitka

6 Elfin Cove/Point Adolphus

7 Tracy Arm Fjord/Sawyer Glacier/Endicott Arm Fjord/Dawes Glacier

8 Juneau/Disembark ship/Return to home city

**Denali National Park • Fairbanks**

**Post-Program Option**

Vancouver, British Columbia

Dynamic Vancouver, British Columbia's largest city, is the cultural and financial heart of Canada's Pacific Northwest.

**Cruising the Inside Passage**

Aboard our Five-Star, all-Suite ship, experience the Inside Passage, one of the most scenic waterways in the world, cruising amid countless islands, thickly blanketed forests, hidden bays and coves, sandy beaches and lofty waterfalls flowing from mountain cliffs. Be on deck to watch for cavorting sea lions and breaching orcas in the deep waters and look for Sitka black-tailed deer, mink and river otters roaming the shores and mountainsides. If weather permits, you may enjoy the rare opportunity to cruise the glacier-sculpted inlets of Misty Fjords, an American treasure harboring utterly awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife, on your way to Ketchikan.

Cover photo: Encounter the cobalt-blue ice of calving glaciers while cruising through Tracy Arm Fjord.

Photo this page: Enjoy the rare opportunity to cruise Endicott Arm Fjord with its glacier-sculpted inlets harboring utterly awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife
Ketchikan
Backed by the forested slopes of Deer Mountain, the fishing town of Ketchikan is the “salmon capital of the world.” Stroll the Gold Rush-era boardwalks of Creek Street and watch spawning salmon swimming upstream through the middle of town along the well-known “Salmon Ladder.” A rich profusion of Haida, Tlingit and Tsimshian arts harmonize the town’s cultural facets. See the art of Potlatch Totem Park, where a master craftsman demonstrates the ancient technique of hand-carving a totem pole.

Wrangell
Seldom-visited Wrangell, known as the “Gateway to the Stikine River,” is the only Alaskan town to have flown the flag of three nations—Russia, Great Britain and the United States. A Tlingit stronghold for thousands of years, Wrangell was established as a fur-trading post by the Russians in 1843, making it one of Alaska’s oldest non-native settlements. Famed naturalist John Muir used Wrangell as a base for his exploration of southeast Alaska, and lawman Wyatt Earp briefly served as its marshal during the Klondike Gold Rush. Tlingit culture abounds in this charming fishing village, which is today home to more than a dozen colorful totem poles.

Sitka
Nestled on the edge of Baranof Island, Sitka penetrates one of Alaska’s most stunning regions and proudly displays

Until 1867, Sitka was the capital of Russian America, and today is one of Alaska’s most alluring and historic towns.
its indigenous and Russian history. The town flourished as a Russian fur trading hub until its 1867 transfer to the United States.

Visit the Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska’s foremost bald eagle habitat, where more than 100 injured eagles are rehabilitated and released each year. Explore the Tlingit culture while conversing with local artisans in Sitka National Historical Park, where trails are lined with totem poles—a lasting tribute to the ancient artform. Marvel at the collection of icons in St. Michael’s Cathedral, North America’s first Russian Orthodox church.

Elfin Cove/Point Adolphus
Go ashore to explore pristine Chichagof Island and visit the small fishing community of Elfin Cove. Situated across from Glacier Bay National Park and with only 20 permanent residents, this hamlet comes alive in summer, attracting fishing enthusiasts. Back aboard the ship, from the observation deck, search for humpback whales and orcas feeding in the nutrient-rich waters of Point Adolphus while cruising through Icy Strait, where tidal waters teem with marine life. Watch for sea lions and bald eagles who frequent these waters, baited by the salmon swimming in abundance.

Tracy Arm Fjord/
South Sawyer Glacier/
Endicott Arm Fjord/Dawes Glacier
Cruise between near-vertical rock walls into the deep and narrow fjord of Tracy Arm, where waterfalls cascade from bluffs, forests fade to sheer rock and icebergs glint in the glistening summer sunlight. At the remote end of Tracy Arm, listen to ice calving off the soaring South Sawyer Glacier. Venture to the edge of Dawes Glacier aboard Zodiacs in the Endicott Arm Fjord.

Juneau
Only accessible by air or sea, the Alaskan state capital, Juneau, is where The Call of the Wild author Jack London set forth to join the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897.

Vancouver • Victoria
Pre-Program Option
Surrounded by water on three sides, Vancouver is the coastal jewel of the Pacific Northwest. British Columbia’s largest city, Vancouver’s vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere—rich in art and culture gleaned from the indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska—forms a spectacular city. Visit Vancouver Island and famous Butchart Gardens. Tour elegant Victoria, a former British Empire port that still retains a charming English accent as well as wonderfully restored 19th-century architecture. In Vancouver, see historic Chinatown, famous Stanley Park and the 19th-century Gastown District, and explore the Public Market and artisans’ studios at Granville Island. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe Westin Bayshore Vancouver. The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided in your reservation confirmation.
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star mv Star Breeze

The exclusively chartered, Five Star, all-Suite STAR BREEZE offers the ultimate cruising lifestyle. Enjoy the small ship experience of docking in ports inaccessible to larger vessels and tucking into delightful tiny harbors and hidden coves that others can't reach.

Celebrate traditional “sail aways” on deck and experience small group island landings with Zodiac excursions that are led by expert naturalists.

Newly renovated in 2021, each of the 156 Five-Star Suites features one queen bed (many convertible to two twin beds), a private bathroom with granite-accented countertops, shower and the amenities of a fine hotel—including luxurious Egyptian cotton linens, L’Occitane bath products, individual climate control and flat-screen satellite television with DVD. Every Suite also offers a minibar, safe, hair dryers, dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Ideal for private viewing of coastal sites are the Classic and Owner’s Suites, each with a private, furnished veranda. The French balcony Suites feature a floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and railing, and the Ocean-View Suites have one picture window. Complimentary welcome flowers and fruit are provided in every Suite upon arrival.

Enjoy contemporary international cuisine in the elegant Amphora dining room and two new dining venues—Cuadro 44 by Anthony Sasso and Star Grill by Steven Raichlen. The stylish Veranda restaurant features indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast or lunch, or you can reserve a table at the more intimate restaurant, Candles, for al fresco evening dining. The Yacht Club features complimentary specialty coffees and light snacks in between meals and room service is available 24 hours for your convenience.

For your leisure time on board, there are two bars, a comfortable library, computer center with internet access, spa, fitness center, boutique, casino, infinity pool and a watersports marina featuring complimentary paddle boarding, kayaking and snorkeling equipment.

Enjoy enriching lectures and other gatherings in the inviting and tastefully appointed lounge. The ship has two elevators and there is a physician on board, along with a medical facility.

With ocean-views and over 277 square feet of comfort, STAR BREEZE is the perfect ship to watch magnificent landscapes drift by from the serenity of your Suite.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship STAR BREEZE

♦ Eight-day voyage from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to Juneau, Alaska, U.S., through the magnificent Inside Passage.
♦ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite.
♦ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
♦ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
♦ All meals aboard ship.
♦ Complimentary Wi-Fi access.
♦ Six days cruising the protected British Columbian Inside Passage, one of the most spectacular coastal waterways in the world.
♦ Onboard naturalist guides to help identify the natural wonders and incredible wildlife of the Inside Passage.
♦ Tour of historic Ketchikan for an opportunity to see its famous Gold Rush-era Creek Street.
♦ Visit to Potlatch Totem Park in Ketchikan to experience indigenous Alaskan Tlingit culture.
♦ Tour of Wrangell, a 19th-century trading town, including the Kiks.ádi Totem Park, Petroglyph Beach and the Wrangell Museum.
♦ Visit to picturesque Sitka to see St. Michael’s Cathedral and its priceless Russian Orthodox icons.
♦ Optional excursion to the Wrangell Anan Bear Observatory (limited space).
♦ Tour of the Alaska Raptor Center.
♦ Visit the remote fishing village of Elfin Cove on the pristine Chichagof Island, with time at leisure.
♦ Humpback whale watching near Point Adolphus.
♦ Scenic cruise into stunning Tracy Arm Fjord featuring the South Sawyer Glacier and a Zodiac excursion to Dawes Glacier.
♦ Harbor seal watching in Endicott Arm Fjord.

Always Included

♦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ Experienced local guides for included excursions.
♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
♦ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
♦ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Join us on this exclusive, specially arranged and comprehensive postlude to discover more of Alaska’s natural wonders and its unfathomable scale.

Disembark in historic Juneau, the first town to be founded following Alaska’s purchase from Russia, and see the mighty Mendenhall Glacier, one of 38 glaciers leading to the Juneau Icefield. Fly to Anchorage for one night to experience a city that successfully balances the call of the wild with urban comforts.

Visit the headquarters of the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and travel from the frontier town of Talkeetna to Denali. Arrive at the pristine wilderness of Denali National Park, home to North America’s tallest peak—standing at over 20,000 feet high. Enjoy a ride on a domed train which offers stunning 360-degree views of Alaska’s vast and majestic landscape. Spend two nights in a comfortable lodge just outside this splendid and unspoiled six-million-acre national park. Learn more about Denali’s ecosystem with a local guide who will assist you in spotting and identifying the amazing wildlife—moose, bears, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep and raptors—all in their protected natural habitat.

Spend two nights in fascinating Fairbanks, founded at the outbreak of Gold Rush fever, and visit the Museum of the North, the city’s crown jewel. Cruise the fabled Chena and Tanana Rivers aboard a traditional sternwheeler and see the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, the largest and most expensive privately funded construction project ever undertaken.

Further details will be provided in your reservation confirmation.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff Excluding Taxes**

Per person, based on double occupancy

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**Taxes**

Taxes are an additional $280 per person.

**Star Breeze** has been specially contracted for this program, and the deck plan is available online or request from Gohagan & Company.

**Alaska’s Glaciers and the Inside Passage Reservation Form**

- **Send to:** The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
  One Penn Center
  1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1055
  Philadelphia, PA 19103

- **For further information, call the Travel Department at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia,**
  (215) 561-4700 x 209. Outside the Philadelphia area, (800) 942-5004.
  Email: travel@wacphil.org  Web: www.wacphil.org

**Program Reservations**

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person. A representative from Gohagan Travel will follow up via email to collect your information.  

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

- I/We want to book my/our air from: (fill in departure city)

- Please make my/our reservation(s):

  - Category: ____________________________
  - 1st Choice ____________________________
  - 2nd Choice ____________________________
  - Double occupancy (two twin beds).
  - Double occupancy (one queen bed).
  - Single accommodations.
  - Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

  - **Vancouver + Victoria Pre-Program Option**
    - Double at $995 per person.
    - Single at $1195 per person.

  - **Wrangell Anan Bear Observatory Optional Excursion**
    - At $465 per person.

  - **Denali National Park + Fairbanks Post-Program Option**

  - Double at $2895 per person.
  - Single at $3395 per person.
  - I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

**I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for**

- First participant’s signature Date
- Second participant’s signature Date

**Post-Program Option**

- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- **Wrangell Anan Bear Observatory Optional Excursion**
  - At $465 per person.

- **Denali National Park + Fairbanks Post-Program Option**
  - Double at $2895 per person.
  - Single at $3395 per person.

- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

- **I/We want to book my/our air from:** (fill in departure city)

- **I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.**

- **Final Payment** due in full at time of booking; A representative from Gohagan Travel will follow up via email to collect your information.
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