



## 3-DAY SEA KAYAKING WITH WHALES AT POINT ADOLPHUS



Join our professional sea kayak guides for a truly unique paddling opportunity in one of the best whale watching destinations in North America! Point Adolphus is located across from Glacier Bay National Park and is world-renowned for its' high concentrations of Humpback Whales. Nutrient rich water from the Pacific Ocean and unique underwater topography make this the most active whale feeding location in Alaska.

Point Adolphus offers excellent kayaking for beginners and experts alike. Our guides offer instruction tailored specifically for your level of experience. Inexperienced paddlers are quickly at ease in the stable double kayaks, while experienced paddlers will feel at home in these efficient touring crafts. The calm waters and stunning scenery make this trip perfect for first time kayakers and families with children.

The day begins with a water taxi from Gustavus to Point Adolphus. Once on shore, your guides will provide the essentials to paddle safely and efficiently in these beautiful Alaskan waters. We'll continue to paddle and watch for whales until midday at which point we'll return to shore for a gourmet lunch. In the afternoon, we'll hit the water and have plenty of time to watch for whales, take photographs, and enjoy the true Alaskan wilderness!

### SEA KAYAKING TRIP INFORMATION

**GUSTAVUS:** Gustavus, Alaska is the starting/finishing place for this trip. Gustavus is a small community located along Icy Straight in Southeast Alaska. This is the headquarters for the park service. Gustavus is easily accessed with several flights departing Juneau, Alaska daily. Ferry service is also available.

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**POINT ADOLPHUS:** Point Adolphus is a world-renowned location for viewing whales and other marine life. Our day will be spent kayaking and watching for orcas, sea lions, eagles, sea birds, and humpback whales, hiking the beaches, and exploring the old-growth rainforest of Chichagof Island. Our experienced guides are also happy to pass on advanced paddling technique to those who are interested.

#### **ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1** – We generally meet at 8:00am for a pre-trip meeting and equipment distribution. The day begins with a half-hour shuttle across Icy Straight to Chichagof Island. The island is a part of the Tongass National Forest, the largest national forest in the United States. From here we will settle into our base camp and learn the essentials of wilderness camping. We will use tandem or double kayaks that are incredibly stable and user friendly. After a delicious lunch we will take an exciting paddle with opportunities for whale watching, bird watching and general kayaking instruction. In the evening we will return to camp for a gourmet dinner and a good night sleep.

**Day 2** – The day will be spent exploring the intricate waterways and shorelines around Point Adolphus. We will continue to watch for wildlife such as: orcas, sea lions, eagles, sea birds, humpback whales, salmon, brown bears, and more! Guests will have the opportunity to learn and practice kayaking skills if they so chose. After a superb dinner we will fall asleep to the distant sound of humpback whales.

**Day 3** – In the morning we will explore the old growth forests of Chichagof Island and keep a close eye out for birds such as the endangered Marbled Murrelet and the majestic Bald Eagle. In the afternoon we'll have one more opportunity to kayak with the whales before our final boat shuttle back to Gustavus. We will return in time to make the evening flight to Juneau, however most guests chose to spend this night in Gustavus.

**OUR GUIDES:** Alaska Mountain Guides & Climbing School Inc. instructors and guides are professionals. They are special individuals who have a passion for a wilderness environment. They possess a wealth of experience gained from guiding throughout Alaska and the world. They genuinely enjoy sharing their knowledge. Their skill and positive attitudes help our guests to have the best possible experience during their trip. Your safety and enjoyment are their primary goals.

**LENGTH:** 3 days and two overnights. Gustavus – Gustavus.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Warm layered clothing, waterproof jacket, water bottle, camera, binoculars, gloves and hat.

**INCLUDED:** Water Taxi transportation between Gustavus and Point Adolphus, a guide, sea kayaks and related gear, rubber boots, and gourmet food.

**DATES:** Trips depart daily. Call for current availability.



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