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SEA KAYAKING IN GLACIER BAY



7 Day - West Arm Sea Kayaking Trip

Glacier Bay is known as one of the best sea kayaking destinations in the world! On this trip we will explore the West Arm of the bay, considered by many to be the most beautiful area in all of Glacier Bay.

We will travel into the spectacular Rendu, Tarr, and John Hopkins inlets to view tidewater glaciers, magnificent waterfalls, and numerous hanging glaciers. We will also have the opportunity to see Humpback and Orca whales, sea lions, seals, salmon, bald eagles, black and brown bears and more.

We will explore wild beaches, watch wildlife, and enjoy short hikes in the foothills of the Fairweather mountain range. Experience the magic of paddling among the icebergs in deep glacially carved fjords and enjoy quiet nights under the stars.

Throughout the journey professional sea kayak guides will provide a safe and fun experience and also offer sea kayaking instruction including general navigation, beach landings, and paddling technique.

Join us in Glacier Bay's West Arm for an unforgettable experience!

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THE WEST ARM OF GLACIER BAY 7 DAY TRIP INFORMATION

GUSTAVUS: Gustavus, Alaska is the starting/finishing place for this trip. Gustavus is a small community located along Icy Strait in Southeast Alaska. This is the headquarters for the park service. Gustavus is easily accessed with several flights departing Juneau, and Anchorage Alaska daily. We will spend the evening before and after our trip here.

GETTING TO THE WEST ARM: This trip is scheduled to use a Glacier Bay boat shuttle to take us from Gustavus to the West Arm drop-off point. We will begin exploring the West Arm from there.

GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK: Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve is located in southeast Alaska and includes some of the wildest and most spectacular fjords and glaciated terrain in the world. As a unique marine wilderness, Glacier Bay provides countless adventures and stunning views of glaciers, wildlife, and majestic maritime and mountain scenery.

OUR GUIDES: Alaska Mountain Guides & Climbing School Inc. instructors and guides are professionals. They have a wealth of experience from guiding throughout Alaska and the world and 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.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate 8-12 miles per day.
(easy moderate challenging extreme)

LENGTH: 7 days Gustavus to Gustavus.

ACCOMODATIONS: 6 nights camping.

INCLUDED: All food while paddling, guides, boats, tents, life jackets, paddles, and transportation from Gustavus to the West Arm.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare to/from Gustavus, hotel and food in Gustavus, and personal equipment.

DATES/PRICES: Please see our schedule for current dates and prices information.

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DAILY TRIP ITINERARY

Night 1 (Night before the start date listed on the web site): Our trip begins with our pre-departure meeting at 5 pm. During this meeting we will discuss expectations, wildlife considerations, and ensure all guests have the required clothing and equipment for the trip. The location of this meeting will be at Alaska Mountain Guides headquarters, Bartlett Cove or at your accommodations for the night.

Day 1-2: Your guide will pick you up at your hotel between 6:30AM and 7:00AM. At 7:30AM we board the Glacier Bay boat shuttle and begin the journey north to our drop-point in the West Arm. Once we arrive at our drop-off we will load boats, give a basic paddling introduction and instruction and begin paddling. We will begin by exploring Rendu Inlet. Here there is a large concentration of waterfalls splashing down the steep cliffs towards the ocean. This area is generally closed to motor vessel traffic and allows us to quietly enjoy the pristine wilderness. We will be wilderness camping on night one and two.

Day 3: After exploring Rendu Inlet we will continue north and west towards Tarr Inlet and John Hopkins Inlet. Here we will have the opportunity to look for whales and other marine mammals near Russel Island. We will be enjoying wilderness camping tonight.

Day 4-5: On these days we will have the opportunity to explore either Tarr inlet or John Hopkins inlet. Both are spectacular locations featuring pristine waters and mammoth glaciers. Tarr Inlet features the 200 foot high face of the Margerie Glacier, one of the most active ice flows in Glacier Bay as well as the Grand Pacific Glacier. The John Hopkins Inlet and surrounding glaciers are believed by many to be the most stunning area in Glacier Bay. Steep valley walls rising over 7000 ft compliment the massive tidewater glacier as well as numerous hanging glaciers. Both areas offer a spectacular opportunity for kayakers to enjoy a unique Alaskan experience paddling amongst the icebergs. Wilderness camping.

Day 6-7: After exploring of the northern reaches of the West Arm, we will begin heading south back to Queen Inlet and our shuttle back to Bartlett Cove. On this section we will have the opportunity to see an assortment of wildlife including marine mammals like harbor seals and humpback whales. We may see terrestrial mammals such as bears and mountain goats, and a variety of bird life as well. We will be camping on night 6. On day 7, we will return to the drop off/pick up point and board the Glacier Bay shuttle boat for our return to Bartlett cove and the conclusion of our trip.

* This itinerary is intended as a general guideline. It can change at any time due to events or conditions that are beyond our control.

Please contact us if you have any questions, or, if you would like additional information.

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