

# 2023

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### Cruising Alaska's Glaciers & the Inside Passage

July 13 - 20, 2023

with *Leeanne E. and Alfonso Alonso*



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*Until 1867, Sitka was the capital of Russian America, and today is one of Alaska's most alluring and historic towns.*

### Experience legendary landscapes on an unforgettable adventure.

Alaska's picture-perfect small towns nudge up against a dramatic wilderness where grizzly bears pluck salmon from clear waters and caribou preen freely along the roadside. Traverse between near-vertical rock walls and cobalt-blue icebergs, discover steep fjords and prepare to be enchanted by a staggering array of wildlife on this exceptional cruise. 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, and sea lions. Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord and witness mesmerizing waterfalls and serrated peaks to the face of the monumental Dawes and South Sawyer Glaciers. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star, all-suite STAR BREEZE, with 156 suites. This small ship is ideal for traversing narrow fjords and isolated coves inaccessible to larger ships while carefully navigating through the marine ecosystem.

*The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.*

### Activity Level 3:

Busy pacing may include multiple hotel changes plus internal flights or long drives. May involve exposure to the outdoors, full days of touring, and walking up to two hours.

## Study Leaders



### Leeanne E. Alonso

earned her PhD in Biology from Harvard University, where she studied under renowned biodiversity expert, Dr. E.O. Wilson. She has over 20 years of experience working in the biodiversity conservation field around the world. As the director of Global Wildlife Conservation's Global Biodiversity Exploration Program from and Rapid Assessment Program (RAP) at Conservation International, Leeanne coordinated and led dozens of biodiversity field surveys developing her expertise in the collection and analysis of biodiversity data. Leeanne is also a founding member of the Women in Nature Network (WiNN), which aims to strengthen the role of women in conservation and natural resource management around the world.



### Dr. Alfonso Alonso

is a conservation biologist with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. He is passionate about finding how species of plants and animals are distributed in different ecosystems and implementing monitoring programs to assure their persistence. Alfonso received a Bachelor of Science in biology from the National University in Mexico in 1988 which led him to study the ecology and conservation of monarch butterflies for his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Florida. Alfonso enjoys giving lectures and has extensive research travel in North, Central and South America, Africa, and Asia.

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## Schedule by Day

THURSDAY, JULY 13

### Home City/ Vancouver, Canada

Arrive in dynamic Vancouver, originally built as a small 19<sup>th</sup>-century timber milling settlement and today the cultural and financial heart of Canada's Pacific Northwest. Embark the STAR BREEZE. (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 14

### Cruising the Inside Passage

Experience the Inside Passage, one of the most scenic waterways in the world, from our small ship. Cruise amidst countless islands, thickly blanketed forests, hidden bays, and coves, sandy beaches, and lofty waterfalls. 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. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

SATURDAY, JULY 15

### Ketchikan, Alaska

The fishing city of Ketchikan is known as the "salmon capital of the world." Stroll the Gold-Rush-era boardwalks of Creek Street and watch

*Stroll Ketchikan's downtown, where wood-frame houses are trussed on wooden pilings.*



spawning salmon swimming upstream along the well-known "Salmon Ladder." See the art of Potlatch Totem Park, where a master craftsman demonstrates the ancient technique of hand carving a totem pole. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JULY 16

### Wrangell

Walk through Wrangell's quaint downtown to Kiks.ádi Totem Park and discover the history of these intricately carved totem poles. Transfer to



*Observe the indigenous brown bear catching wild salmon.*

Petroglyph Beach, a state historic beach home to rock carvings created 8,000 years ago. Later, visit the Wrangell

MONDAY, JULY 17

## Sitka

In Sitka—a former “Russian” city—visit the

or converse with native artists. Visit St. Michael's Cathedral, North America's first Russian Orthodox church. (B,L,D)



*As you cruise around Alaska, look for America's bird, the Bald Eagle.*

Museum, where more than 5,000 artifacts and exhibits display the local trades in Alaska—fishing, mining, and logging.

An optional excursion for viewing brown and black bears at the Anan Wildlife Observatory is available at an additional cost; be sure to sign up in advance as space is limited. (B,L,D)

Alaska Raptor Center, Alaska's foremost bald eagle habitat where more than 100 injured eagles are rehabilitated and released each year. Explore Sitka National Historical Park, where artists demonstrate their totemic art forms, and enjoy opportunities to walk the forest trails

TUESDAY, JULY 18

## 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 with a population of only 20 permanent residents, this hamlet flourishes in summer with fishing enthusiasts. 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 drawn by the abundance of salmon. (B,L,D)



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## Trip Registration Is Easy

**Step 1:** Visit:

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**Step 2:** Click the Blue “**Register Today**” button and fill out the online form.

**Step 3:** Look for an **email confirmation** from Harvard Alumni Travels.

All bookings are conducted online only.

Find complete trip-specific terms and conditions on the trip web page (link above).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

### **Tracy Arm Fjord/ Sawyer Glacier/ Endicott Fjord/ Dawes Glacier**

Cruise into the deep and narrow fjord of Tracy Arm, where waterfalls cascade from bluffs, forests fade to sheer rock, and icebergs glint in the sunlight. In Endicott Arm Fjord,

look for harbor seals hauled out on ice platforms, inquisitive whales, and bears hunting for fish.

At the remote end of Tracy Arm, listen to ice calving off the soaring South Sawyer Glacier. Venture to the edge of Dawes Glacier. Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship this evening. (B,L,R,D)

THURSDAY, JULY 20

### **Juneau/ Disembark ship/Return to home city**

After breakfast, disembark the ship and continue on to the Fairbanks and Denali Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

*Cruise into Endicott Arm Fjord and look for wildlife in their natural habitat.*



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## VANCOUVER PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Start your adventure in Vancouver with a three-day prelude that includes a walking tour of historic Vancouver—rich in art and culture gleaned from the indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. See Chinatown, Gastown, and Stanley Park—featuring a photo stop at the Totem Poles. Visit the tranquil, 55-acre VanDusen Gardens with leisure time at Queen Elizabeth Park, featuring 360-degree views of the city center. Accommodations are in the deluxe FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER.

Double Pricing: \$995

Single Pricing: \$1,195

## FAIRBANKS AND DENALI POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Join us on this exclusive, specially arranged and comprehensive postlude to discover more of Alaska's natural wonders and its unfathomable scale. Our four-day tour extension includes a stop in Anchorage, where you visit the headquarters of the famous Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, before traveling from Talkeetna on the deluxe Dome Rail Car to the pristine wilderness of Denali National Park. Spend one night at the deluxe MARRIOTT ANCHORAGE, two nights at the GRAND DENALI LODGE, and one night at PIKE'S WATERFRONT.

Double Pricing: \$2,895

Single Pricing: \$3,495



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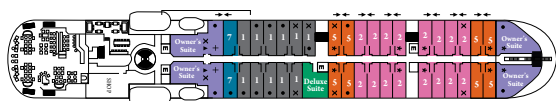
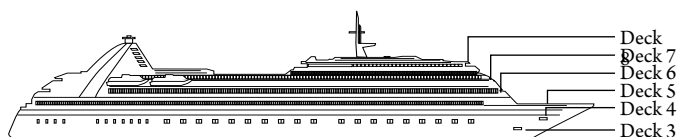
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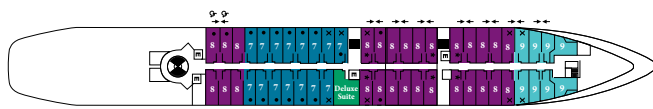
## STAR BREEZE



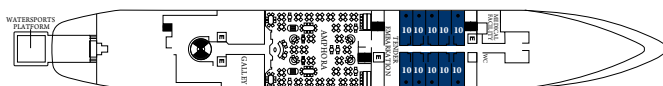
Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3

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.

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.

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. Complimentary house wine is served with dinner and nonalcoholic beverages are included throughout the cruise. The stylish Veranda restaurant features indoor and outdoor dining for breakfast or lunch, or you can reserve a table at the more intimate Candles restaurant for alfresco 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.

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.

## Rates Per Person

BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
CATEGORY/DECK

**CATEGORY 10** \$5,390

Suite with separate sitting area and two portholes.  
Deck 3, midship.

**CATEGORY 9** \$5,790

Suite with separate sitting area and one picture window.  
Deck 4, forward.

**CATEGORY 8** \$6,290

Suite with separate sitting area and one picture window.  
Deck 4, midship, forward and aft.

**CATEGORY 7** \$6,690

Suite with separate sitting area and one picture window.  
Decks 4, 5 and 6 midship.

**CATEGORY 6** \$7,090

Suite with separate sitting area and one picture window.  
Deck 5, midship, forward and aft.

**CATEGORY 5** \$7,390

Suite with separate sitting area and one picture window.  
Deck 6, forward and midship.

**CATEGORY 4** \$7,890

Suite with separate sitting area, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and **French balcony**.  
Deck 5, midship.

**CATEGORY 3** \$8,190

Suite with separate sitting area, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and **French balcony**.  
Deck 5, midship.

**CATEGORY 2** \$8,390

Suite with separate sitting area, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and **French balcony**.  
Deck 6, midship.

**CATEGORY 1** \$8,990

Suite with separate sitting area, floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and **French balcony**.  
Deck 6, midship.

**DELUXE SUITE** \$9,690

Large Suite with separate sitting area and two picture windows or suite featuring **French balcony**, queen bed, living room with sofa bed, separate bathtub and shower.  
Decks 4, 5 and 6 midship.

**CLASSIC SUITE** \$10,690

Large Suite with partial-view **private veranda**, fixed queen bed, living area, two spacious closets, bathtub.  
Deck 5, forward.

**OWNER'S SUITE** \$12,390

Larger Suite with **private veranda**, fixed queen bed, separate living room and dining areas, bathtub and additional half bath.  
Deck 6, forward and midship.

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