Discover Southeast Alaska by Small Ship

8 DAYS OF NORTHERN WONDERS

* Tails, Talons, and Totem Poles *

JULY 6-13, 2018

The Ohio State University Alumni Association

Special Alumni Rate
SAVE UP TO $1,000 per couple
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us next summer for an expedition through some of nature’s more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska’s Inside Passage aboard the 66-passenger Admiralty Dream.

Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences, and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader.

Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature’s amazing show.

This program also offers an optional pre-extension to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Mt. Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay in a hilltop lodge with panoramic views located inside the park, and learn how this magnificent area became one of our nation’s most breathtaking conservation areas.

Space is limited. With significant savings of up to $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at http://osu.orbridge.com, by calling me at (614) 292-2372 or (800) 852-TOUR (8687), or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Best Regards,

Debbie Vargo
Director, Alumni Tours

Alumni, their families and friends may travel on this tour by meeting Ohio State Alumni Tour eligibility requirements.

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by November 3, 2017 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife and native cultures of Southeast Alaska

Aboard the nimble, 66-passenger Admiralty Dream, you’ll have access to the breathtaking byways of Alaska’s Inside Passage.

With skilled naturalists by your side, you’ll encounter magnificent peaks and fjords, and ice-blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions—while learning about the traditions of Alaska’s indigenous cultures.
**Program Highlights**

- See the spray of whales only yards away and venture into secluded coves and inlets as you get up close to nature, whether from the decks of the *Admiralty Dream*, or aboard its skiffs and kayaks.

- Accompanied by two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, learn surprising details about animal behavior, glacier activity, and the wealth of natural spectacles along these protected waters.

- Learn about Alaska’s culture and living history during a Native dance performance at a Tlingit Clan House and from a Native Huna Tlingit Cultural Heritage Guide at Glacier Bay National Park.

- Visit Sitka National Historical Park, and take a guided tour of the Norwegian town of Petersburg.

- Experience a rare tour of the Hidden Falls Hatchery where you’ll learn about Chum, Chinook, and Coho salmon.

- Alongside a Park Ranger, cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve to see the sanctuary’s deep fjords, tidewater glaciers, and snow-capped mountain ranges.

- **What’s included:** 7 nights aboard the *Admiralty Dream*; all excursions and presentations; 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners; beverages including complimentary beer and wine with lunch and dinner; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, drivers and porters; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
Your Expedition Leader

Alaska is simply gorgeous, but viewing it with an Orbridge Expedition Leader at your side is another thing altogether. While watching humpback whales off the bow, your Expedition Leader will offer expert descriptions of mammals’ “bubble net” form of social feeding. Kayaking together, you will observe animals like Dall’s porpoises and Alaska’s brown bears. Watch and learn the secrets of Alaska’s wild beauty—you will be amazed.
Optional Pre-Tour Extension  
Denali National Park

Extension Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive in Fairbanks (R)  
Welcome reception

Day 2: Fairbanks / Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park (B,D)  
Travel through expanses of boreal forest and tundra of interior Alaska; visit the Denali National Park Visitor Center and the Murie Science and Learning Center; special dinner event

Day 3: Denali National Park (B)  
Participate in optional excursions or enjoy leisure activities like self-guided hikes or ranger-led talks

Day 4: Denali National Park  
Wilderness Excursion (B,L)  
Exclusive Orbridge backcountry adventure with naturalist guide

Day 5: Denali National Park / Alaska Railroad / Anchorage (B,L,D)  
Travel to Anchorage by rail

Day 6: Depart Anchorage / Arrive Sitka / Day 1 of Main Program (B)

Optional Excursions:

Husky Homestead Dog Sled Presentation: A behind-the-scenes look at championship Alaskan Huskies and their training with Iditarod, four-time winner, Jeff King.

Denali Glacier Landing Flight: A 100-minute plane tour of Denali, viewing the continent’s deepest gorge, glaciers, surrounding peaks and valleys and a landing on one of Denali’s pristine glaciers.

Arctic Circle Flight Tour: This 6-hour tour includes a flight crossing into the Arctic Circle, ground tour of the only year-round village in the area, and visit to Coldfoot Camp.

Not all excursions listed may be available. Availability is also subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability and group interests. For flight excursions, weight and minimum age requirements apply.

Extension Highlights

• Experience a historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska.

• Admire the rugged forests and wildlife with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass dome seat aboard the Alaska Railroad.

• Be on the lookout for vast wildlife including moose, Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.

• Familiarize yourself with Denali National Park, walking its trails with a trained naturalist.

• Listen to an Alaskan homesteader’s tale of summiting Denali.

• Enjoy a special dinner including a presentation by a Murie Science & Learning Center educator.

• What's included: One night accommodation at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks, three nights accommodations at the Grande Denali Lodge, and one night accommodation at Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage (accommodations subject to change) with breakfast each morning; transport aboard the distinguished Alaska Railroad with upgraded GoldStar Service, including seating in the upper level dome car, priority seating in the dining room, breakfast (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages) during the Fairbanks to Denali segment, and lunch and dinner (with two alcoholic beverages/unlimited non-alcoholic beverages) during the Denali to Anchorage segment; a special dinner featuring a presentation by a Murie Science and Learning Center science educator; guided Denali backcountry tour with lunch; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all gratuities; and transfers between hotels and airport upon arrival and departure during the suggested times.

Early Reservation Bonus:  
FREE ORBRIDGE EXPEDITION LIBRARY  
See reverse for details.
Cabin | Standard Rate | Special Rate*
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Category C | $3,899 | $3,495
Category B | $4,099 | $3,695
Category A | $4,999 | $4,595
Category AA | $5,492 | $4,995
Deluxe | $6,192 | $5,695
Owner’s Suite | $7,492 | $6,995
Single (Cat. C) | $5,892 | $5,495

Denali Pre-Tour: $2,995*
Single Pre-Tour: $3,695

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made fewer than 90 days prior to departure, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right to refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#2098750-40 WST#0288997.

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee (“Cancellation Fee”) as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 275 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per extension; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 and 91 days prior to the scheduled departure date the Cancellation Fee will be $2,995* per person per program; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY. If final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right to refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#2098750-40 WST#0288997.
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What Guests Are Saying...

This trip was truly more than we ever imagined. Thank you for providing such wonderful adventures. The Denali pre-tour was such a wonderful addition to our Admiral Day cruise. I am so happy that we did both! The guides are 100% professionals and their dedication to educating people to the wonders of nature is unsurpassed. Their leadership and subject matter knowledge is amazing. I am so very glad that we were able to enjoy this wonderful trip!

~Norman & Karen L., Midlothian, VA

This trip has become our new standard for selecting any further travel—it combined a great deal of learning with real comfort, a wonderful setting, wildlife we had only imagined, and left us sad when it was over. This was also our first experience with Orbridge and we were very pleasantly impressed.

~Catherine C. & George K., Hanover, NH