

FOCUS ON WHALES!

*Experience the best whale watching in the world.
Humpback whales congregate here to feed on massive
schools of herring and krill.*



Humpback whale breaching



Humpback whales bubble-net feeding



Please see reverse for more excitement!

One of the one most interesting marine mammals of Alaska's Inside Passage to observe and learn about is the amiable leviathan the Humpback whale. Whether you are a dedicated whale enthusiast, looking for a first-time whale sighting, a nature photographer or if you just enjoy magnificent wildlife and scenery, you will not find a better opportunity to experience whales than aboard the 80-foot yacht NORTHERN SONG in the incredibly beautiful calm waters of Frederick Sound for our Focus on Whales adventure! Join us as we learn about these giant creatures with special insights from our guide, whale photographer Jim Nahmens.

Frederick Sound, which lies adjacently to the north of Petersburg, is humpback whale heaven. Over three hundred humpback whales congregate in Frederick Sound at a time and more than four hundred stop by to feed on massive schools of fish and krill over the course of the summer. With some luck, we may see these endangered giants as they use bubble nets to execute their cooperative feeding attacks. Our guide will introduce you to the world of the humpback whale – its life cycle, anatomy, behaviors, migration, feeding strategies and current research. He will also share the secrets of getting great whale photos.

Although the primary emphasis of the Focus on Whales adventures is observing and immersing in whales, we will have plenty of opportunities to diverge and experience a tide-water glacier, visit a Tlingit village, soak in a remote hot springs next to a waterfall, look for bears, catch fresh seafood for dinner, hike and beach comb on isolated beaches and visit vast rainforests. We'll even check for wildlife while out paddling a sea kayak around wilderness islands and pristine far flung coves and bays.

We'll keep our eyes out for other wildlife too – killer whales, seals, porpoises, bears, bald eagles and other birds. We'll visit a raucous Steller sea lion haul out and salmon spawning streams. Along the way, our guide will introduce you to Alaska's natural history, geology, Native culture, flora and fauna.

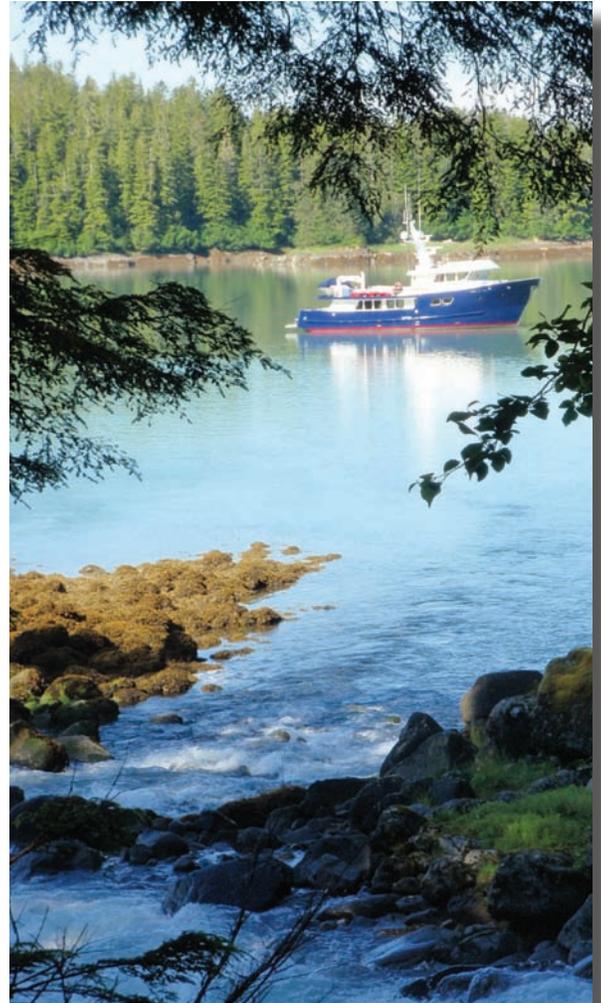
Join us for this incredible journey. Each day is a new adventure with a backdrop of beautiful forested islands and snow-capped peaks. This all-inclusive excursion includes three gourmet meals per day, cozy accommodations, hot showers, all beverages including select wines with dinner, sea kayaks, skiffs, and the fun-loving company of our guide who is simply nuts about humpback whales and Alaska.

The cruise departs from the small community of Petersburg which is centrally located in Southeast Alaska's Inside Passage. The excursion is limited to a maximum of 8 guests in 4 private cabins! It's an adventure of a lifetime. Please contact us for more details and reservations.

Helpful tip: Be aware, these trips fill early!

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Professional wildlife photographers have high regard and extreme respect for the time and pursuit required to capture those few highly rewarding images required for productive results. It is extremely improbable that an opportunity for the rare consummate frames or sequence of frames will occur on a single day outing. The opportunity to remain on location for an extended period of time that provide the benefits of early starts to the day, daylong opportunity to survey the wildlife's setting and present behavior and habits all help to enhance the chance of a successful venture. Our mission on a photographic charter is to put the camera holders in the right place and at the right angles with the optimum backdrop.



ASA has years of experience successfully helping professional nature photographers around the globe capture those premium instants when a couple of shutter clicks produce those award winning shots. Join us for an extended Alaska wildlife photography cruise second to none.



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Schedules

2012

8 days/7 nights July 14 - 21

8 days/7 nights July 23 - 30

2013

8 days/7 nights July 14 - 21

8 days/7 nights July 23 - 30