

WHAT TO EXPECT

An Alaska yacht cruise is a unique and special way to experience the marvels of Alaska. Here at Alaska Sea Adventures, it is our top priority to make sure that your charter is conducted safely and to the highest standards. To help maximize your experience, here are some insights as to what to expect while on board our vessel.

SAFETY

First and foremost, the largest consideration we have is for your safety. Please keep in mind that everyone's safety is always top priority and this commitment guides the itinerary and activities throughout each journey.

The *Northern Song* is completely equipped to the highest degree with safety gear including a large array of exposure suits typically only found on commercial fishing vessels. The *Northern Song* is 100% U.S. Coast Guard compliant and carries First Aid trained crew as well as an AED (defibrillator). Before the *Northern Song* is untied from the dock, we will conduct a vessel orientation and safety familiarization meeting so that everyone is familiar with the vessel as well as safety gear and procedures.

COMFORT AND COMMUNICATION

General Requests and Needs:

Your comfort is right behind your safety at the top of the list of our functions. You are always welcome to let us know if there is something we can do to enhance your comfort during the charter. Boats are notorious for utilizing space very efficiently and have numerous lockers and 'cubby holes' where provisions are stowed. Our experienced crew is very familiar with all parts of the yacht and for this reason it is recommended that you ask the crew if you need something rather than attempt to locate it yourself.

Footwear:

Outside shoes are not allowed inside the yacht. You are welcome to bring soft-soled shoes to wear inside if desired. We do have a good selection of CROC type slip-on shoes to easily put on for trips out onto the deck. Guests are welcome to use them. Southeast Alaska is a temperate rainforest and the ground is often wet so we recommend bringing waterproof shoes or boots. There is a limited supply of loaner boots on board. If you plan to use the vessel boots, please inquire in advance to see if your size is available. (For additional information on what to pack, please see our Pack List, which is included in your packet.)

Cell Phone, Wi-Fi, and Satellite:

Your cruise on the *Northern Song* will take you into very remote uninhabited regions among the islands of SE Alaska's Inside Passage. Because of this, cellular coverage will be spotty and mostly available only during the day when we are cruising the larger channels. Wi-Fi coverage is not available. The *Northern Song* is equipped with a satellite telephone for emergencies.

Ship Shape is General Courtesy:

While onboard the *Northern Song*, you will be sharing the vessel's common areas with others, so it is polite to use every day courtesy. To keep the space tidy and safe for all, please keep your personal belongings and gear organized and orderly for the comfort of everyone.

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MEALS AND ROUTINES

Meals on our custom charters are planned according to your desires, although we do prefer to feature local Alaska seafood for the main meal entrée each day. Please note carefully that the pre cruise planning form that you received should be filled out and returned to us promptly so that our chef can be aware of dietary concerns and preferences and can provision the yacht accordingly. We will be in remote areas without access to markets of any kinds, hence meal planning is critical.

Bottled water, coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, mixers and all beverages other than hard liquor and cocktails are included in the charter. An excellent variety of wonderful Alaskan Brewing Company beers are featured. Wine is included with the evening meal. If you prefer to have an afternoon or evening glass of wine or cocktail we can suggest a local source for purchase of wine, other beers, and liquor to bring with you. You are also welcome to ship special wines or beverages to us prior to your charter.

Wildlife:

One of the largest attractions on any Alaska visit is the wildlife and you will have a chance everyday to observe a multitude of amazing animals. There are laws and guidelines that we adhere to on the *Northern Song* when in the vicinity of wildlife and it is always our objective to be very respectful and as least intrusive as possible. We are guests in the animal's habitat. It is highly recommended that everyone assist in spotting various animals in the water, on shore as well as in the air.

Fishing:

There will be opportunities to sport fish depending on level of interest of those on the charter. We are guided by and follow all regulations with a paramount concern for resource conservation. Fishing licenses are required for anyone 16 and older and available on line, at the hotels and aboard the *Northern Song*. Cost is \$55 for a 7-day license. All fresh and salt water fishing gear, including shrimp and crab traps, is provided on board. You are certainly welcome to bring your favorite rod and reel.

Hiking & Sea Kayaking:

The *Northern Song* is outfitted with 2 hard bottom inflatable tenders, 2 double seat sea kayaks and 2 single seat sea kayaks. There should be ample opportunities to use the sea kayaks and go ashore for hikes. Insects are not usually a big problem but it is advised to bring repellent as occasionally we do encounter obnoxious no-see-ums or horse flies. Southeast Alaska is bear country. When ashore we do carry bear repellent and ask that people ashore stay together as a group and exercise caution and safe conduct.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard the *Northern Song*. As a crew, we will do all that we can to insure that you have a safe, fun and exciting Alaska voyage. Please don't ever hesitate to let us know if you have questions or to let us know if there is anything we can do to enhance your comfort and enjoyment of this fabulous journey!