Alaska: Exploring Glacier Bay

SEA KAYAKING, HIKING, AND WILDLIFE VIEWING IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA





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TRIP DATES

2024

May 17-26, 2024 Westward June 13-20, 2024 Catalyst June 22-29, 2024 Catalyst July 12-19, 2024 Westward

2025

Jul 1-8, 2025 Catalyst Jul 10-17, 2025 Catalyst Jul 21-28, 2025 Westward Jul 30-Aug 6, 2025 Westward This perfectly timed adventure brings you to renowned Glacier Bay, where you'll explore remote coves and inlets, and be on the lookout for the first returning humpback whales, and the thousands of migrating shore and seabirds bound for Arctic nesting sites. Grizzlies and black



bears, recently emerged from their hibernation dens, can be seen bending the branches of black cottonwoods down to feed on the sweetly-resinous leaf buds, grazing on swards of lush sedges, and scraping succulent barnacles and mussels from rocks along the water's edge. This is one of the most extraordinary times to witness wildlife in Alaska. On board the ship, savor delicious food and share the day's discoveries over a glass of wine. This is one of the best ways to experience all that southeast Alaska has to offer! While we have a planned itinerary, each trip differs slightly depending upon the time of the tidal currents, the weather conditions, wildlife viewing opportunities, and the wishes of our clients.

Please Note: These adventures are not exclusive Wilderness Travel departures and it's possible you may be joined by other passengers. However, the small size of the vessel makes for an intimate and convivial journey among like-minded travelers.

What Makes WT's Alaska Cruise Special?











SMALL SHIPS

Aboard our small expedition ships—only eight guests on the *Westward* or twelve guests on the *Catalyst*—means you are able to go ashore in areas designated as Wilderness by the Forest Service, where group sizes are limited to twelve persons. The boats can anchor in inlets and coves that larger ships just can't access.

ITINERARY DESIGN

This journey has been carefully refined over decades of local experience to give you a true insider's access to the rugged wilderness of Alaska. Our days allow for flexibility, so you don't have to rush past the whales, bears, and glaciers we come across, and can take your time on our kayaking and hiking excursions. We make sure you feel like you have all of Alaska to yourself!

CUISINE

Meals onboard are delicious, locally sourced, and artfully presented. The chefs performs their culinary magic with ingredients from local providers, including organic farmers and local fishermen. Our guests frequently comment that the cuisine is an unexpected highlight of their trip.

ONE OF A KIND WOODEN VESSELS

The *Catalyst* was built in 1932 as the University of Washington's first research vessel, and the *Westward* was launched in 1924 and has served VIPs including Bing Crosby, Walt Disney, John Wayne, and Marjorie Merriweather Post!

CONSERVATION

The traditional engines in these vessels are efficient, using as much fuel in an entire season as some competitors consume in a week. The built-in electrical system allows hours at anchor without running a generator, which means there is less noise disruption toward wildlife and more opportunities for guests to enjoy the sounds of the forest and open water.

TRIP LEADERS

The experienced crew offers a great diversity of talents and skills with backgrounds as naturalists, kayak guides, researchers, and even authors. They look forward to sharing their experience and exploring Alaska with new guests each year.







Itinerary

TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	8 days					
Arrive:	Juneau, Alaska					
Depart:	Juneau, Alaska					
Lodging:	9 nights aboard a private					
	expedition vessel					
Meals:	All meals included					
	(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch,					
	D=Dinner)					
Activity:	Sea Kayaking, Small Boat					
	and Yacht Cruising, Small					
	Ship Cruising, Walking,					
	Whale Watching, Wildlife					
	and Natural History					
Trip Level:	1 € 2 3 4 5 6					

Easy to moderate hiking and sea kayaking (no previous kayaking experience necessary)

JUNEAU TO JUNEAU (8-DAY ITINERARY)

This itinerary is dependent on the weather and the tides and may change at the captain's discretion.

DAY 1 JUNEAU / GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Depart from Juneau's Auke Bay Marina at 1:00 pm. As you head south down Gastineau Channel, watch as the evidence of civilization slips into the wake. Soon high rises, power lines, and cruise ships are far behind you and orcas, humpbacks, and rafts of seabirds are in front of you. Your first night's anchorage is in a quiet harbor outside the borders of Glacier Bay National Park. Here you can launch kayaks and take your first paddle in the wilderness.

DAYS 2-7 EXPLORING GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK

Travel through the bays and inlets of Glacier Bay National Park, stopping at beautiful anchorages for the night after observing wildlife and possibly a calving glacier or two. Hiking or kayaking, accompanied by the on-board naturalist, you will learn about the fauna and flora of the area. Each trip varies depending on the weather and duration; some highlights include:

Bartlett Cove/Fingers Bay: Stop near the Park entrance to hike the Bartlett Cove nature trail. After returning to the boat, cast off and head further into the bay. At Fingers Bay, you may see bears rooting for fresh food upon the beach and a myriad of sea birds that have flocked to the rich waterways of the park.

Reid Glacier: This glacier has recently grounded out and provides an opportunity to walk right up to its face. The discovery of the day might be that ice worms are real! You will also walk at the entrance of the inlet and look for remnants of a small mining claim, worked by the Ibach family during the early 1900s.



Grand Pacific and Marjorie Glaciers: For some, the highlight may be the visit to Grand Pacific and Marjorie Glaciers, or it could be the otters that you may see as you explore John Hopkins Inlet; or, it may just be the particular shade of blue that the sky takes on after the sun sets late in the evening. In any case, it promises to be a day of superlatives. Kittiwakes nest along the side of the glaciers, while eagles come to rest upon the icebergs. Listen to the glacier cracking and watch it calving into the sea with an enormous splash.

Wildlife: Watch for bears and mountain goats feeding and sunning themselves on rocky ledges as you sail by, looking for Steller sea lions who haul out on small islands. These islands also host a gathering of puffins. Glacier Bay boasts a large array of quiet coves and bays, each of which plays host to a stunning variety of plants and animals. Humpback whales will come into view in some of the richest fishing grounds in Southeast Alaska.

Humpback Whales: Now on the endangered species list, humpbacks (Megaptera novaeangliae) are baleen whales distinguished by their extremely long flippers, sometimes almost a third of the length of the entire animal. They have a small dorsal fin often seen when the animal is beginning to dive. Adults reach up to 55 feet in length. Like other baleen whales, adult females at any given age are usually larger than males. Humpbacks undertake epic long-distance migrations to temperate or tropical wintering areas. There they spend the winter breeding and bearing their young after a gestation of 11 or 12 months. During spring, the animals migrate back to Alaska where food is abundant. Humpback whales that summer in the north Pacific are from three separate stocks that winter in Mexico, Hawaii, and the western Pacific. Whales that summer in Alaska are primarily from the Hawaii group. Although the actual time it takes whales to migrate is not well known, one whale identified in Alaska was seen 39 days later in Hawaii, having traveled a distance of 2,800 miles.

Brown Bears: This famous mammal is very much a part of the natural world in Alaska. Brown bears and grizzly bears are technically the same species, Ursos arctos (although the brown bears on Alaska's Kodiak Island are classified as a distinct subspecies from those on the mainland). Brown bears resemble their close relative, the black bear, Ursos americanus, but are generally larger, with a more prominent shoulder hump and longer claws. Color is not helpful in differentiating brown bears from black bears because both species have many color phases. They weigh the least in the spring or early summer, gaining weight rapidly during late summer and fall and at their fattest just prior to denning. At this time, most mature males weigh between 500 and 900 pounds. Males may reach 22 years and females may live to 26. Brown bears consume a wide variety of foods. Common foods include berries, grasses, horsetails, cow parsnips, fish, ground squirrels, and plant roots. Except for females with offspring and breeding animals, bears are typically solitary, avoiding other bears except where food sources are concentrated, such as streams where salmon swim upstream to spawn.

DAY 8 JUNEAU / DEPART

Arise early to make sure everyone gets to Juneau in time to make their connections to the outside world.

The Westward





We are delighted to invite you aboard this unique and historic 86-foot wooden vessel. A "gentleman's yacht" designed specifically for exploration, she is ideal for discovering the wonders of Alaska, San Juan Islands, and the Sea of Cortez. You'll find a lovely wood-paneled salon aboard—a great space where you can unroll the charts and share the route you've explored that day and discuss the adventures that lie ahead. There is a spacious covered back deck, the ultimate spot for watching marine life (think whales, seals, and more!) as you relax with a drink in hand. You won't believe the meals that the on-board chef produces from the galley, including fresh-baked goods and wonderful fish from the bounty of the surrounding seas.



With the vessel's relatively small size, shallow draft, and yet powerful engine, you'll be able to explore remote coves and islands by day, and at night you can enjoy beautiful secluded anchorages. As you may have guessed, we absolutely love this vessel for the incredible adventures it makes possible, but do keep in mind that she is a relatively small vessel, and set your expectations accordingly. The cabins are well designed but will be far smaller than what you would find on a massive cruise ship. We find her intimate size (just eight passengers!) absolutely perfect.

Cabins 1-4

There are four guest cabins below deck, each with a double bunk below and a single bunk above, accommodating either couples or friends traveling together. Each of the cabins has its own private en suite bathroom with a sink, toilet, and shower.

Note: Since each double cabin also has both a double and a single bunk, it is possible for a family of three to book a cabin. We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

HISTORY

Launched in 1924 as the flagship of the Alaska Coast Hunting and Cruising Company, the vessel pioneered hunting, fishing, and adventure travel in remote regions of Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska for over 20 years (including serving such VIPs as Bing Crosby, Walt Disney, John Wayne, and Marjorie Merriweather Post). During World War II, she served as a patrol boat off the California coast, then post-war was converted to a private yacht and charter vessel.

She has benefitted from continuous upgrades to her engine, systems, structure, and accommodations, including an extensive rebuild in 2005-2006 that created the four guest cabins she has today, and full below decks refit in 2015 that added private bathrooms to each cabin. She is listed with the US National Register of Historic Places.



The Catalyst





The 75-foot research vessel is a historic wooden boat that accommodates up to 12 guests. Constructed in 1932 as a marine research boat, she can maneuver around icebergs, follow whales, get close to glaciers, and tuck into tiny coves that most passenger vessels wouldn't even dream of approaching. Delicious meals, including freshly-caught seafood, are served by the chef in the warm, wood-paneled salon, and a fleet of kayaks (six doubles and three singles) on board add to the spirit of exploration and discovery.



Below Deck

Cabin 1

Upper deck, private bathroom with shower. Double bunk (49" x 80"), single pull-down upper bunk (32" x 74"), with door to the deck, one opening porthole. Sleeps two to three.

Cabin 2

Lower deck, forward starboard side, private bathroom with shower. 6'10" x 7'0". Double bunk (50" x 78"). Four drawers under bed, hanging closet, storage closet, bookshelf, two nonopening portholes. Sleeps two.

Cabin 3

Lower deck, forward port side, private bathroom with shower. 6'10" x 6'6". Double bunk (50" x 78"), two drawers, storage locker, two non-opening portholes. Sleeps two.

Cabin 4

Lower deck, aft starboard side. 6'10 x 7'0", less 4' x 2'6" companionway. Single bunk (43" x 84"). Storage under gear hammock, one non-opening porthole. Sleeps one. Shared bath.

Cabin 5

Lower deck, aft cabin. 13'0 x 13'0". Two single bunks, one double bunk. Two bench seats with storage underneath, six opening portholes, four non-opening portholes. Sleeps two to four. Good for families. Shared bath.

Cabin 6

Behind pilot house. Double bunk (50" x 78"). Private entry from outside of pilot house, private head and shower, drawers and storage space, bookshelf, opening porthole and windows. Sleeps two. Acccessible only by ship ladder.

Note: Cabins 4 and 5 share one washroom with shower. There is a second head on the upper deck next to the main salon. The Crew has their own head and shower deck below.

HISTORY

The ship used for cruising Alaska's Inside Passage was the University of Washington's first oceanographic research vessel. In 1932, Thomas G. Thompson, then Professor of Chemistry, began a personal crusade to establish a school of oceanography at the university. With the help of a \$60,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, he started both the school and the construction of the boat. The vessel was designed by Roland and Strickland, prominent Seattle naval architects. Every aspect of her construction, from the location of the engine to the size of the vessel, was centered around the needs of the laboratory scientists. As a result of her careful design, the ship was the most state-of-the-art research vessel of her time. She took her maiden cruise through the Inside Passage and across the Gulf of Alaska, then spent the next 11 years collecting data, primarily in Puget Sound. The information collected from her decks in the 1930s forms the foundation for today's understanding of the region's water quality.

The bombs that fell on Pearl Harbor during WWII soon had effect on the ship. In 1942, Dr. Thompson offered her to the Navy to help in the war effort. The Navy conscripted the vessel and mounted a machine gun on top of her pilot house and racks of depth charges on her stern. She spent the war years patrolling the Aleutian Islands for Japanese submarines.

After the war, the Navy sold the ship and she was purchased by an Alaskan mining company and was handsomely refit. The main house was moved forward and the wheelhouse was placed atop it. Hatches, fore and aft, were created to access new holds for carrying tungsten ore. She hauled ore south to Seattle, but also carried supplies and, perhaps more importantly, guests north through the Inside Passage. After all that effort, the company had the boat for only two years, but every owner since has benefitted from the beautiful work they did.

Over the next 40 years, the vessel was owned by a few lucky mariners. The waters of Alaska, Baja California, and Hawaii have all passed beneath her keel. Now she has been restored to her original purpose, learning about the oceanic world. Only this time, it is adventurous travelers, not research scientists, who benefit from her mission.

Trip Details

TRIP COST

Prices are for 2024

Westward

Categories	Price
Cabins with Private Bath (price per person)	\$8500
Single Cabin	\$12,750
Boat Charter	\$68,000

Catalyst

Categories	Price	
Cabins 1 and 6 with private bath	\$8000	
Cabins 2 and 3 with private bath	\$7750	
Cabin 5 with shared bath	\$7500	
Cabin 4 (Single Occupancy Cabin)	\$7750	
Boat Charter	\$85,750	

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. There is one single cabin with no single supplement available aboard the *Catalyst*. If you wish to reserve any other cabin for single use aboard the *Catalyst*, or aboard the *Westward*, you must pay a single supplement fee. Please call for details. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Trip Naturalist and Captain
- Accommodations aboard a 75-foot research vessel or historic 86-foot vessel (depending on itinerary)
- All meals included
- Beer and wine
- Kayaks, paddles, radios, PFDs (life jackets), and boat safety gear

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare to/from points of embarkation and debarkation of the boat, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, accommodations in Juneau, travel insurance, optional gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights made necessary by airline schedule changes or other factors, expenses such as immunizations (if any), and other expenses of a personal nature.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: 20% 100 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Minimum fee: 50% of deposit 91-150 days prior to departure: 100% of deposit 90 days or less: 100% of trip cost *Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: <u>www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance</u>

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

The Expedition Vessel Juneau, Alaska

Suggested Airport: Juneau, Alaska (JNU) Suggested Date & Time: anytime prior to Day 1

Meeting Place: You may board the boat at 12:00 pm on Day 1, and MUST be on board by 12:30 pm as the boat will depart the dock at 1:00 pm from Juneau's Auke Bay Marina. We highly recommend arriving a day early in Juneau to avoid the possibility of missing the boat (an "on your own" expense).

DEPARTURE

Juneau, Alaska

Suggested Airport: Juneau, Alaska (JNU) Suggested Date & Time: Day 8 anytime after 12:00 pm

You will arrive at the dock near Juneau by 10:00 am on Day 8 for disembarkation.

AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to Juneau and return. Air service into Juneau is available on Alaska Airlines, with multiple flight arrivals every day.

Alaska Airlines

<u>www.alaskaair.com</u> 1-800-252-7522

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at <u>www.exitotravel.com</u>.

Depending on your routing, it may be necessary to depart from your hometown a day prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must exactly match the name on the government-issued photo ID you plan to use while traveling.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS IN JUNEAU

For extra hotel nights in Juneau, you have many options including the following:

Alaska Capital Inn. 888-588-6507, www.alaskacapitalinn.com

The Prospector. 907-586-3737, www.prospectorhotel.com

The Westmark Baranof. 800-544-0970, www.westmarkhotels.com

Silver Bow Inn B&B. 800-586-4146, www.silverbowinn.com

The Crew

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible.



PAUL BROWN, CAPTAIN OF THE *CATALYST*

Paul moved to Seward, Alaska, and began working on boats at the impressionable age of nineteen. A flurry of ambition awarded him with his first captain's license two years later, and he spent the next few years working on the northern Gulf of Alaska. In 2006,

Paul began running multi-day trips and research expeditions in Southeast Alaska, Coastal British Columbia, and Puget Sound, and he has since made a career out of exploring one of the world's most interesting and challenging coastlines. When not sea-born, Paul, along with his wife Laurel, spend their time tending their small organic vegetable farm in Hood River, Oregon. Paul has a 500-ton masters license and USCG-certificates in medical care, first aid, firefighting, and meteorology.



TRACIE TRIOLO, CHEF

Tracie developed a passion for food, music, and the outdoors while working in her family's restaurant in Boulder, Colorado, and spending her spare time playing music, skiing, backpacking, and refining her backcountry cooking skills. She received her culinary arts degree through the New School for Social Research

from the New York Restaurant School in Manhattan. She worked in many upscale restaurants, as chef Garde Manger for Fairmont Hotels and as a restaurant chef for the Grand Hyatt in San Francisco before discovering the life of living and cooking on our beautiful classic yacht in Baja (in summer she's a chef on charter boats up in Alaska and the San Juan Islands). Tracie is a perfectionist and virtuoso—she is renowned for her "sea-to-table" creations and her exceptional culinary skills are a major highlight of the trip for many! She is also an accomplished musician, playing piccolo and flute with local symphony orchestras and baritone saxophone in jazz bands.



MICHAEL NESWALD

Michael began his career in kitchens at the age of 15, busing tables and washing dishes at a historic steakhouse in his hometown of Canyon Country,

California. In 2010, he made the spontaneous move to Oregon and instantly fell in love with the Pacific Northwest. He has worked under some of Portland's best chefs, spent three seasons as a chef in Willamette Valley, and has worked overseas in Melbourne, Australia, and at a 2-star Michelin restaurant in Tokyo, Japan. Cooking and nature are the two things that make him happiest. He feels free and at home cooking on board the *Catalyst*. When he is not working on the boat and exploring Southeast Alaska, he hosts his own pop-up dinners in Portland, Oregon.



BILL BAILEY, CAPTAIN OF THE WESTWARD

Bill Bailey acquired his passion for boats at the impressionable age of 12, when he worked at a shop with a master boat builder on a five-year project. After growing up as a surfer in Southern California

he moved to the Pacific Northwest where he worked as a commercial fisher in Washington and Alaska, used boats to transport materials and crews to construction sites on remote islands, and cruised extensively with his family. Over the last forty years, he has spent more than four thousand days at sea and has covered over seventy thousand sea miles. Along the way, he learned the arcane intricacies of his boats' antique engines and custom engineered systems. His love for the sea, for classic wooden vessels, as well as for their crews and the guests who sail with him are readily apparent.

What the Trip is Like

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 1+, easy to moderate, according to our trip grading system. The expedition vessel serves as a mobile base camp. You'll explore remote coastlines and fjords by day, then enjoy the comfort of the ship in the evening for good food, fine company, and a comfortable bunk. With just a few hours of cruising each day, there is plenty of time for walking, wildlife watching, or sea kayaking all in the company of an on-board naturalist who shares insights into the local botany, natural history, and native culture.

You should be ready for a variety of weather conditions. Layered clothing works best in the changing weather conditions typical of the Pacific Northwest Coast and Southeast Alaska. Layers are easier to pack and more versatile than a single heavy coat. Don't bring down jackets or ski clothes (they don't dry well in the damp climate). Good rain gear is essential; it will enable you to remain comfortable in the wind or rain. Bring your high rubber boots (or use the ones provided on board) for wading and for use in the kayaks and small boats (you will wear these everywhere you go).

No previous kayaking experience is required. Unlike whitewater kayaking, sea kayaking skills can be learned quickly and easily. The waters of the Inside Passage are protected from the open ocean and are generally calm. It is not the intention to kayak on stormy days or when sea conditions are truly "rough" with high winds and waves (such occasions are infrequent in these waters during the summer). Nevertheless, unpredictability is the rule for the weather in Alaska, and good kayaking weather throughout cannot be guaranteed. And with such a comfortable "mother ship," you can always opt out of any kayaking or hiking to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and the great views from on board. Please note: Climbing a ship's ladder to access skiff and kayaks during excursions is required.

Complimentary beer and wine is offered on board. You are welcome to bring any special wines, liquors, and mixers you enjoy. Soft drinks, coffee, and tea are always available.

Average Daily Max/Min ºF							
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Southeast Alaska	50/36	56/43	59/47	60/46	55/41		
Rainfall - Inches							
Southeast Alaska	9	6	8	11	18		

WEATHER

Be prepared for temperatures ranging from the low 30sF to a high of 70F. Southern Alaska has a marine climate, which means rain is to be expected at some point on every trip. The rain itself is often a gentle mist, casting an aura of magic and mystery over the land. We hope for sunshine but recommend that you plan for wet, cool weather. You will be comfortable as long as your rain gear is adequate! Calf-high rubber boots are a necessity.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the North America Manager or email us at northamerica@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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MEN'S T-SHIRT



WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST PLUS INSULATED CAMELBAK WATER BOTTLE



PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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Here's how it works:

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As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel insulated stainless steel water bottle by CamelBak and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$130 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$140 value).

YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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