

Exploratory Trip The Prince William Sound Whale Watching Expedition

DAY 1 Meet at the office of Anadyr Adventures for a pre-trip safety briefing and equipment fitting. After loading our kayaks on our transportation boat prepare for a 3 hour journey to our first destination: Green Island. This is a little gem in the ocean with the kind of aquatic nutrients which attract 'the friendly giants': Orca and Humpback Whales. Since this tour is an exploratory mission, it is not our intention to cover as much water as possible, but to explore intensively all of the small coves and inlets which present themselves.

In the evening we will camp on one of the many beaches present on 'outside' islands and cook a fine dinner while relaxing into the evening light.

DAY 2 Continue exploration of Green Island and, weather permitting, paddle north to Applegate Rock, a popular nesting site for a plethora of aquatic birds including Puffins, Cormorants, Shearwaters and Storm Petrels. Finding whales, we will have the opportunity to drop underwater microphones and listen to the songs they sing. A true wilderness experience and one which you will never forget. Camp again on Green Island.

DAY 3 Today, with weather permitting, we will make the two-mile crossing to Montague Island. It is here we will be landing on a true bastion of wilderness, known as one of the entrance islands of Prince William Sound. We will rest and explore the Northeastern portion of the island from around Port Chalmers to Montague Point. This area is rich in marine life and also a birder's paradise. It is in this area we will remain until our pick-up date.

DAY 4 - 7 Montaque Island. Note: Due to the remote nature of this trip and all the exciting possibilities, we have made the number of days flexible to fit the schedules of our participants as well as the weather.

* Price: 6 days - \$1725 (all inclusive)

Packing List for Wilderness Camping Trips

WHAT CLOTHING SHOULD YOU BRING?

Be prepared for both intense periods of sunshine and for cold rainy days.

Prince William Sound has a warm and wet coastal climate, typical of temperate rain forests. Temperatures range between 50 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit, but abnormally cold spells can happen when night time temperatures drop to the below 40s. You should come prepared for wet or dry weather. Sea kayaking fortunately is a sport that can easily be pursued while raining. Provided you are adequately dressed, seas tend to be calmer and wildlife is more easily approached. You should follow standard layering techniques in your choice of clothing.

We recommend you bring:

-minimum of 2 sets of warm clothes

First Set

-Pants/Long Johns: preferably wool, fleece, or polypropylene - they are excellent sources of warmth even when wet. I recommend fleece clothing because it dries very quickly and retains its warmth when wet. Synthetics do dry faster than wool.

-Upper body: 3 layers of wool/polypropylene /or fleece, (ie, long john top, shirt, jacket) and a windbreaker.

-Feet: Warm socks, one pair per day and 2 additional pairs

I personally prefer polypro and wool blend socks with standard high top rubber boots (called break-up boots in Alaska) for getting in and out of the boat, for hiking and tide pooling. I strongly recommend that you bring your own boots, so as to assure proper fit. However we do have a supply of boots available for you to use. Please let me know the sizes you need in ample time so that we can have them available.

-Hands: We provide pogies for fully guided clients. Polypro or wool gloves are also very good with rubberized dish washing gloves to put over them on rainy days. Please bring at least 2 pairs of gloves

-Head: A ski cap and baseball cap.

-Rain Gear: Good rain gear is essential for protection from both rain and wind. It should fit well and be sturdy

if you have a dry suit, paddling pants, jacket and/ or booties- bring them along.

Additional Set:

-This can be additional warm clothes in case you get too cold or wet & should include: a wool sweater, wool or fleece pants (or light weight wind pants), a wool gloves and/or mittens, wool or fleece hat.

Additional items:

- t-shirt -shorts -thin loose pants
- thin loose long sleeve shirt to prevent sunburns -sun glasses
- comfortable camp shoes (eg. Tennis shoe, sandals, camp mocassins)
- sun screen 15-25 rating
- insect repellent and or mosquito headnet -small day pack for hiking
- croakies for sun glasses or glasses -water bottle
- pocket knife, watch
- waterproof flashlight or head lamp -extra batteries

Your personal toilet items should include:

- towel Toothbrush/paste -
- biodegradable soap -hand towel for tent

Camping Equipment: Note: We will provide these items for fully guided clients if necessary)

- sleeping pad
- sleeping bag –3 season. Down is not recommended
- tent – a full cover rainfly is recommended

Optional Items:

- camera, film and replacement batteries -binoculars
- books -umbrella
- fishing license: can be purchased anywhere in Alaska. Licenses can be purchased for a day, week, month, or year.

*Please give us a call if you have any questions about items on this list. We do have some of them available if you need them, or we can recommend certain types and brand names.