

Please understand that the following itinerary is only an example of how your particular trip may be run. A concrete description is impossible to give you due to the nature of our tours and the temporal changes of PWS. The truth is that weather, time of year, your interests, paddling pace, the decisions of your guide and other factors will ultimately dictate where you paddle, establish camp or stop along the way and hence, what you'll see. This then is not to be taken as a complete step by step of each day you will be out.

Meet at Anadyr Adventures, 225 N. Harbor Dr, for the **7pm pre-trip orientation the evening before your trip leaves.**

Day 1

The morning you've been waiting for.... load the water taxi then sit back and enjoy the 1.5 hour ride out to Glacier Island and your first views of Prince William Sound. Upon arrival your guide will give a paddle lesson and talk to you about safely moving in the wilderness of PWS. Then pack your kayak and begin the expedition.

From the south side of Glacier Island only distant islands and the peaks of the Chugach range including, the snowcapped mountains of Hichinbrook and Montague islands break the view across the open water of PWS. Trace Glacier Island's unique shoreline while surveying the colorful intertidal zone for seastars, chitons, mussels and barnacles. Poke into sea caves where sea birds such as cormorants and puffins nest along the ledges. Be sure to occasionally pull your eyes away from the shoreline to scan the water for the stellar sea lion and humpback whale, as this is a favorite area for them. We're confident that it will be one of your favorites as well.

After the day's paddle you'll set up your tent and camp on one of the high-energy beaches and enjoy a hot meal prepared by your guide. Then relax and take-in the unforgettable sights and sounds of PWS.

DAY 2

Hot coffee and tea, a hearty breakfast, pack camp and then continue the voyage. The distant roar of stellar sea lions means you are approaching Bull Head, a haulout to hundreds of bull stellar sea lions. Watch as these thousand pound animals scrap for beach space and be ready for a troop of these curious giants to come and play.

You'll continue to marvel at Glacier Island's vertical shoreline and rock formations as you round the corner. Approaching the north side of Glacier Island the heart of the Chugach Mountain Range comes into view. The snow-capped Mt. Columbia climbs 9,000 ft from tide line and hangs above the massive river of ice, Columbia Glacier. The air here is cooled and ice bobs offshore and gets stranded on beaches.

Glacier Islands open muskeg meadows are perfect for stretching your legs. Lay

your feet atop the spongy mosses that have built-up over generations. Drop to a knee and checkout the insectivorous sundews, wildflowers and search for blueberries and cranberries. Then follow the trails of Sitka black-tailed deer as they meander through the spruce and hemlock, past huge leafed skunk cabbage and continue still onward.

Before or after dinner enjoy some time to read or bring a fishing rod and try your luck with the dolly varden or salmon that may be swimming by somewhere off the beach.

DAY 3

The mainland lies 4 miles away, prepare yourself for the paddle across open water then enjoy the panorama from the middle. The destination is the protected water of Heather Bay. The scene is gorgeous blue water and lush green mountainsides give way to white snowcapped peaks.

Weave your kayak through brash ice, growlers and bergy bits while searching the floating ice for sea otters hauled out for a midday rest. Keep an eye to the treetops for perched bald eagles. Trace the shoreline into emerald cove and around jade island as your bow breaks a glassy reflection.

Views from camp in Heather Island can be hard to beat anywhere in the world. Listen for loons calling and enjoy your last evening by sitting back and soaking it all in.

DAY 4

Coffee and breakfast are ready; you wake up and take in the scene from camp one last time. Then push off towards the terminal moraine of Columbia Glacier. The scene is unforgettable and the scale almost unfathomable. The largest tidewater glacier in PWS, Columbia Glacier covers over 400 sq. miles.

Stop on the old terminal moraine for a view of the “iceberg impoundment area” and the face in the distance. Walk among towering icebergs left stranded by an ebbing tide. Then back on the water, the moment that may have lured you to Alaska in the first place... paddling among icebergs in a bay so tranquil you can see your own reflection on the water. A truly amazing day!

Your water taxi will pick you up around 4pm unless otherwise specified.

See onsite price list for current pricing.

Departures from May 15th to Sept 15th

Group size 4-8

Minimum Age: 12

Difficulty: Moderate