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Alaska

Cruise Prince William Sound on the M/V Discovery

June 9-13, 2021



M/V Discovery ©Hugh Rose

TRIP OVERVIEW

Explore the northernmost coastal temperate rainforest in the world from the comfortable and capable M/V Discovery. From calving glaciers to breaching humpback whales every day on the Discovery is full of highlights. Whether you want to paddle your own kayak quietly amongst icebergs or watch as sea otters play on ice floes, a cruise on the Discovery in Prince William Sound is the absolute best thing you can do on water in Alaska! Experience Prince William Sound on a three-day voyage, observing sea otters, harbor seals, whales, puffins, and eagles, amidst a spectacular blend of mountain, forest, and glacial scenery. Take home countless memories and photographs under the expert guidance of Alaska resident and naturalist, Bill Mohrwinkel.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch as massive icebergs are "Calved" at tidewater glacier faces.
- Observe and photograph sea otter's close-up as they play and rest on ice floes.
- Walk through old growth coastal temperate rainforest away from all the crowds found elsewhere in Alaska.
- Enjoy local seafood and gourmet meals onboard the M/V Discovery
- Paddle your own kayak amongst icebergs at a tidewater glacier face or quietly into a secluded bay where sea otters sleep!
- Watch as humpback whales breach and feed during their summer frenzy in the rich waters of Prince William Sound

LEADERS: Bill Mohrwinkel, plus Captain Dean Rand with his wife Meg as the Chef and another deckhand guide aboard the *Discovery*, in Prince William Sound.

DAYS: 4, including estimated travel time.

GROUP SIZE: Minimum 4/Maximum 12.

COST: \$2,900 per person, double occupancy (two people per cabin). If you want a **guaranteed** single cabin on the Discovery and hotel rooms while in Anchorage a "single supplement" of \$1560 is added, to the per person cost making a total of \$4460 per person. If you are a single traveler and don't mind sharing a cabin/hotel room, we will pair you with another traveler and the cost remains \$2900 per person. If you agree to take a roommate and we cannot find you one we do not charge the single supplement, thus the cost remains \$2900 per person. This trip can be combined with the 3-day Arctic Adventure which begins on June 13 in Fairbanks.

TRANSPORTATION: Travel in our private, custom-designed 12-seater Mercedes Sprinter plus three days aboard the 65-foot, 12-passenger yacht *Discovery*.

CONDITIONS: This tour is for people who want to experience the northernmost coastal temperate rainforest in the world and not just watch it go by from the Lido deck of cruise ship!

Date	Description	Accommodation	Meals
Jun 9	Arrive in Anchorage any time and transfer to your B&B in downtown Anchorage.	Susitna Place B&B or equivalent, Anchorage	
Jun 10	After breakfast Bill picks you up for the one-hour scenic drive to Whittier, where you will board the Discovery and begin your cruise before lunch. Remainder of the day will be spent cruising and doing an activity that will be dictated by weather, wind, tides, and interest (ex. Hike or kayak)	On board the M/V Discovery Prince William Sound	B, L, D

Jun 11	Enjoy gourmet meals on board the Discovery, while cruising the spectacular Sound watching wildlife, hiking, and kayaking	On board the <i>M/V Discovery</i> Prince William Sound	B, L, D
Jun 12	After breakfast, get off the Discover for a last morning excursion (hike or kayak), then enjoy lunch while you slowly cruise back to Whittier, arriving late afternoon	Susitna Place B&B or equivalent, Anchorage	B, L
Jun 13	Spend the day on scenic drive north to Fairbanks		B, L

LEADERS

Bill Mohrwinkel



Living and guiding in Alaska for 25 years, Bill has vast knowledge to share. He was part owner of an Arctic tour business for 10 years and has guided sea kayaking trips in Prince William Sound, polar and brown bear trips, and birding trips. His love of the polar regions has led Bill to also guide in Antarctica and South Georgia Island. Though he is not a photographer, he has extensive experience guiding photo trips and works hard to help clients accomplish their goals for the tour. His true passion is natural history and sharing that passion with participants, and he loves to have fun!

Captain Dean Rand



Considered by many to be one of the most knowledgeable mariners in Prince William Sound, Dean's extensive involvement with a broad range of scientific research conducted throughout the sound has provided him with a well-rounded background in the region's natural history. Longtime owner and Captain of the Discovery, Dean is a master shipwright and marine mechanic with more than 40 years of full-time service in the marine trades on the Alaska coast. Dean will assist during days aboard the Discovery.

BOAT

Discovery

Our three-day voyage on Prince William Sound will be aboard

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the *Discovery*, meticulously fitted to combine comfort and utility with an atmosphere of charm and style. The lower deck includes sleeping accommodations for up to twelve guests in six cabins, plus crew quarters, two bathrooms with hot showers, and storage space. Guests can readily view and photograph panoramic scenery and marine life from the ship's complete walk-around deck and expansive windows. Unlike the cumbersome cruise ship giants, the *Discovery's* size enables access to Alaska's lesser traveled, more intimate inside passages. See more information and deck plan on Discovery website: www.discoveryvoyages.com

DETAILED ITINERARY

Jun 9 ~ Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska

Arrive in Anchorage Alaska at your leisure and catch a cab, Lyft, or Uber to your hotel for the night. You will be staying in downtown Anchorage where you can walk to many fine restaurants and enjoy a cocktail and dinner under the midnight sun.

Jun 10 ~ Scenic one-hour drive from Anchorage to Whittier where you board the M/V Discovery

Bill will arrive at your hotel at 9:30am to transport you by van from Anchorage to Whittier. This very scenic drive follows the Seward Highway along "Turnagain Arm", so named by Captain Cook in 1781 when they had to "turn again" while exploring for the fabled "Northwest Passage". The magnificent Chugach Mountains tower on one side of the Arm while the Kenai Mountains rise from the high tide line on the opposite



side. Keep an eye out for dall sheep on the mountainsides above and beluga whales in the turbid waters of the Arm below. Massive 30-foot tides sweep in and out of Turnagain Arm twice a day creating a "tidal bore" wave that can be 6 feet high at times and is surfable! At the termination of Turnagain Arm you will turn off the Seward highway and drive into the Chugach Mountains eventually encountering the mountainside at Portage, where the highway enters a tunnel in the sheer rock wall. This is the Whittier tunnel, the longest combined automobile and train tunnel in North America (3 miles). After paying the toll and waiting until the one-way/single lane tunnel is open in the direction you are going you will make the eerie drive through the heart of the Chugach Mountains in this World War II era train tunnel that was upgraded for vehicle passage in 2000. When you emerge on the other side you are in Whittier, gateway to Prince William Sound. Whittier is described as one of the weirdest communities in the United States, where 90% of the community of 250 people live in one 14

story army surplus building! You will only spend long enough in Whittier to absorb the strange sites and walk across the dock to board the Discovery. As we pull away from Whittier lunch will be served and after a brief orientation Dean will decide where to take you for your first outing. Settle back and enjoy the relaxed life on the Discovery. Wind, weather and the large (15 foot) tides of Prince William Sound dictate where we can go and what activities we can do. A certain amount of serendipity also plays a role in directing the daily schedule and activities. One thing that is always predictable on the Discovery is the cuisine. Meg, the captain's wife is a seasoned hand at preparing gourmet meals in the galley on the Discovery. She has many recipes to choose from that use local fresh Prince William Sound seafood. After dinner enjoy a cocktail on deck as we anchor up for the night or perhaps a short walk in the spectacular rainforest



Jun 11 ~ On board the M/V Discovery

Days on the Discovery are magical and relaxing as we cruise the rich and protected waters of the Sound. With over 3,000 miles of coastline in protected bays, estuaries and fiords the Discovery always finds calm water. Mineral rich glacial meltwater coming from the three glaciated mountain ranges which surround the Sound (Chugach, Kenai and Wrangell-St Elias Mountains) mix with North Pacific seawater creating a unique nutrient rich body of water that is home to hundreds of millions of salmon, whales, seals, sea lions, otters, sharks and a host of other marine and terrestrial organisms. The rugged mountains rise straight up almost two miles from the Sounds tranquil waters, with tidewater glaciers descending off the mountains, passing through rainforest and ending in the ocean. This all makes for a magnificent setting to enjoy the wildlife, scenery, food, and camaraderie on the Discovery!

Jun 12 ~ Last Day on the Discovery return to Anchorage late afternoon

After breakfast on board, you will enjoy a morning activity. Perhaps a hike on an iceberg strewn beach or a kayak around icebergs that have been shed from one of the nearby "tidewater" glaciers. Mid-morning, we will board the Discovery for the return cruise to Whittier, during which you will be treated to one last culinary delight by Meg. After arriving in Whittier late that afternoon, Bill will transfer you back to your hotel in Anchorage, where you will be on your own for dinner this evening.

Jun 13 ~ Drive from Anchorage to Fairbanks

After Breakfast Bill will pick you up for the scenic 6-hour drive to Fairbanks arriving late afternoon. This drive takes you from the temperate/maritime climate of Anchorage and the Chugach Mountains into the much drier "Interior" of Alaska and over the Alaska Range close to Denali. If the weather is clear you will enjoy spectacular views of the Alaska Range and Denali from the drive. You will have the opportunity to make as many stops



Humpback Whale © Hugh

as you want for photos, to enjoy the scenery or to get out and go for a walk in Denali State park. You will stop for a picnic lunch on the drive and arrive in Fairbanks at approximately 5pm. If you would rather not make this drive you can fly to Fairbanks from Anchorage on a roughly one-hour flight (extra expense). If you are scheduled to travel with Bill the next day on the "Arctic Adventure", he will be taking you to an orientation dinner (included in "Arctic Adventure") at a fun local restaurant. If you are choosing to stay in Fairbanks for a few days of exploration on your own, before the retreat, you will be on your own for dinner tonight.



COSTS (all costs are in US Dollars)

Cost

Type	Cost per Person
Trip Cost, double occupancy	\$2,900
Single Supplement (guaranteed single cabin on the Discovery)	\$1560

Costs are per person, double occupancy, with no hidden costs.

We reserve the right to charge for cost increases that occur between when we set tour prices and the date of travel, for example, changes due to the cost of lodging and transportation. If you are a single traveler and you are willing to have a roommate, we will find a roommate for you, and if we cannot, we will not charge you a single supplement fee. Single rooms are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed throughout the tour.

Payment Schedule

Payment	Due Date	Amount per Person
Deposit	Due now to reserve your space	\$500
Second	March 1, 2021	\$1,500
Final	May 1, 2021	Remaining Balance

Payments will be due based on the schedule above. All reservations require a deposit to confirm reservation of your space. For reservations made after a due date, all past payments will be due with registration. By sending your initial deposit, you agree to accept our payment schedule and cancellation policy as a contract. If payments are still outstanding two weeks after the due date, your space may be forfeited.

Cancellations

Until the Final Payment due date, deposits are refundable except for a cancellation fee of \$500 per person, which can be applied toward another tour if reserved within six months of the cancelled trip's departure date. Cancellations are non-transferrable. No refunds are given after the Final Payment due date.

Included

- All activities, leaders, transport, park entry and user fees, landing fees and permits unless described as optional.
- Accommodations for the nights of June 9 through June 12.
- Meals from breakfast on June 10 through lunch on June 13 except dinners listed in the *Not Included* section.
- All beverages while on board the *Discovery* (includes wine, beer, spirits, sodas, juice etc.)
- Rubber boots, rain gear, and kayaks available for use aboard the *Discovery*.
- Trip Materials - information about flights, packing, entry and departure requirements, airport transfers, gratuities, etc.

Not included

- Airfare from your home to Alaska, airport and departure taxes, and excess baggage fees.
- Dinner on June 12 in Anchorage.
- Transfer from Airport in Anchorage.
- Gratuities for the crew of the *Discovery*: tipping is, of course, discretionary, however we suggest budgeting a total of \$150 *per participant* to be distributed among the three *Discovery* crew members (Chef, Deckhand and Bill).
- Flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks on June 13 if you choose to fly.
- Accommodations in Fairbanks beginning on June 13 if you are not continuing on the Arctic Adventure.
- Emergency medical and evacuation insurance and trip cancellation insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical costs or hospitalization, room service, alcoholic and other beverages (except on the *Discovery*), items not on the regular menu, etc. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate them on your Guest Info Form.

SIGN UP

Please contact us first to check availability, reserve your space, and obtain a Reservation/Release Form. To confirm your reservation, we require a deposit and signed form from each participant.

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OTHER DETAILS

Climate

You are visiting the northernmost coastal temperate rainforest in the world so expect some rain. That said this time of the summer tends to enjoy some of the driest weather of the tourist season. Daytime temperatures may be as high as 70 but 60's is more typical with nighttime temps in the 50's . We may visit multiple tidewater glaciers where cool breezes descend from the glaciers, being prepared with a hat and gloves is always advisable. The Discovery provides rubber boots, and warm rubberized gloves for kayaking and glacier visits where we may encounter rain. The Discovery also provides high quality rain jackets and pants for all guests to borrow. Be sure to bring sunscreen for those warm, sunny days.

Fitness Level

Our voyage in Prince William Sound will include landings and opportunities to hike on shore, typically no more than a mile or two on varying terrain. Walks and hikes are generally at a slow pace with stops for observation and photography and may be skipped by anyone that is not interested or able. Kayaking is also an option.

Transportation

Travel in our private van to the shoreside community of Whittier to board the M/V Discovery.

Spend three days and two nights aboard the cozy and comfortable, twelve-passenger *Discovery*. Additional *Discovery* guests may join our group for just this Prince William Sound portion of our safari if we do not fill the boat.

On the trip from Anchorage to Fairbanks, travel in our private, custom-designed 12-seater Mercedes Sprinter, specifically modified for photography, including windows that open on both sides.

Accommodations

Each of the *Discovery* cabins has bunk beds, a small clothing closet, and drawers for your personal belongings; the two shared bathrooms provide complete facilities including a hot shower. See the Discovery website for more details about the *Discovery*, including photos. Accommodations in Anchorage will be at the Susitna Place B&B or equivalent. Downtown Anchorage boutique hotels and

B&B's that we use are comfortable and located in quieter neighborhoods. Anchorage in the summer is a thriving city and can be loud at night. We locate you within walking distance of all the fine restaurants in downtown, but not in the noisy neighborhoods. Rivers Edge cottages in Fairbanks, are roomy individual cottages located on the banks of the Chena River approximately 5 minutes from the Fairbanks airport. Each cottage has two queen beds and a large full bathroom.

Wi-Fi and Cellular Connectivity

While in Anchorage you will have excellent cellular connectivity and Wi-Fi is available at the hotel. In Prince William Sound while on board the Discovery you will have fast cellular service for approximately 75% of the time. When the Discovery enters some of the more remote Fiords and bays steep-sided mountains block the cellular signal and you will be without service, however, there is always a satellite phone on board for emergencies. Cellular service is excellent on the drive between Anchorage and Fairbanks with roughly 90% of the drive covered by service despite the highway crossing two mountain ranges and traversing 350 miles of wilderness! Cellular service is excellent in Fairbanks and Wi-Fi is available at Rivers Edge Resort.

Flights

Flights you (or a travel agent) book: Arrive in Anchorage, Alaska (ANC) on June 9. At the end of your trip, you will be arriving in Fairbanks on June 13. If you are traveling onward with Bill on the Arctic Adventure you will be staying at Rivers Edge cottages (cost included in the Arctic Adventure). If you are choosing to stay the next few days in Fairbanks to relax and explore Bill will drop you at your hotel on the afternoon of June 13. If you choose to fly to Fairbanks from Anchorage on June 13, Alaska Airlines and RAVN Air have multiple flights per day throughout the day.

Seasickness

Do not let a fear of seasickness scare you away! For all but the most sensitive, seasickness is rarely a problem in this region. It is a good idea to bring medication if you are known to get seasick or are unsure, but you may find that you do not need it after a day and once you have your "sea legs."

Conditions

- **Maximum time in nature:** We try to spend as much time in nature as possible, sometimes resulting in long days but giving you a more in-depth experience.
- **Itinerary route:** The itinerary route, stops, and plans are subject to change by unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, such as weather or road conditions.
- **Additional forms:** You will be required to fill out a "Guest Info Form" for the Discovery. We need information such as food allergies/preferences, foot size for boots, etc.
- **Medical conditions and travel risks:** Travel to remote places is exciting, but it is important to understand and accept the risks, both medical and logistical. Minor medical problems can usually be treated (Bill Mohrwinkel is a certified Wilderness First Responder (WFR)), but because we are often far from medical facilities, there can be no expectation for immediate medical treatment or evacuation, even in cases of trauma. Anyone with health problems needing close medical supervision should not consider going on this tour. Bring enough medication for the duration of the trip for any chronic medical needs since pharmacies are usually not available. When you send

your deposit and signed Reservation/Release Form, you certify to us that you do not knowingly have any physical or other conditions that would create a risk for yourself or for other trip participants.

Conservation

Hugh Rose Photography is passionate about conserving the precious regions that we travel to and supports many conservation efforts. By visiting these areas, we contribute to sustainable conservation of these valuable wildlife habitats. We also urge you to join a conservation organization to help protect Alaskan wildlife, such as Defenders of Wildlife, the Wilderness Society, Alaska Wilderness League, or the Audubon Society.

