

Mist Cove Trip #11 2017



Day 1

For our 11th cruise of the 2017 season, the *Mist Cove* was delighted to welcome two groups of returnees back to the Tongass: members of the Defenders of Wildlife board and executive team, and also Suze Orman and KT Travis. Both brought members of their families who had not experienced the Tongass before. We got off to a great start in good weather from Juneau, cruising south through Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, Holkham Bay, and up Endicott Arm (a 30-mile-long fjord), anchoring up for the first night in North Dawes Inlet, deep in the heart of the Tracy Arm–Ford's Terror National Wilderness.

Day 2

As has become customary on our Sitka-bound cruises,

most of our guests paddled among the towering cliffs of North Dawes Inlet before breakfast, then motored by skiff to Dawes Glacier at the head of a spectacular fjord called Endicott Arm for the remainder of the morning. Although the birthing population of harbor seals seen in May and June has begun to disperse, many were seen among the icebergs. Weather at the glacier was again good but chilly, with a brisk wind blowing off the ice, but some great calving provided plenty of entertainment. After lunch we steamed throughout the afternoon through the remainder of Stephens Passage, into Frederick Sound, and then into a remote corner of Admiralty Island's Gambier Bay called Snug cove, a perfect place to drop the anchor for the night.



Day 3

Admiralty Island National Monument remained our focus for Day 3. During breakfast we hopped the short distance from the main island to Brothers Islands, where guests either hiked the islands' magical, mossy forests, fished nearby waters for halibut, or toured the islands and their sea lion colony by skiff. Whether fishing or touring, those in skiffs also enjoyed some close encounters with humpback whales. During lunch we motored back to the main island's Pybus Bay, where guests spent the afternoon touring again by skiff and fishing for halibut. We then crossed Frederick Sound to the southwest and anchored for the night within Kuiu Island's Security Bay.

Day 4

Day 4 began early with

another pre-breakfast paddle among the sea otters, harbor seals and beautiful scenery of Security Bay State Marine Park. Continuing down Chatham Strait along Kuiu Island's west coast during breakfast, we dropped the hook in the Bay of Pillars for an extra-long activity period. Guests took bag lunches with them to enjoy while either saltwater fishing for salmon and halibut, hiking a



portage from one side of the island to the other along a Forest Service road through both century-old clearcuts and ancient trees, or fly fishing one of the island's wildest riparian corridors into a gorgeous lake. To close out the day, we headed northwest across Chatham Strait to Baranof Island's Nelson Bay for our overnight anchorage.

Day 5



General News

- [Mist Cove guests view lunge-feeding humpback on trip #4](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/mist-cove-guests-watch-bubble-feeding-humpback-on-trip-4/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/mist-cove-guests-watch-bubble-feeding-humpback-on-trip-4/>)
- [The Boats are waiting for you in Alaska!](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/the-boats-are-waiting-for-you-in-alaska/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/the-boats-are-waiting-for-you-in-alaska/>)
- [Spring is coming...](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/spring-is-coming/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/spring-is-coming/>)

Liseron News

- [Liseron Trip #16 2017 August 26 – September 2](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-16-2017/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-16-2017/>)
- [Liseron Trip #15 August 19-26 Sitka to Juneau](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-15-august-19-26-sitka-to-juneau/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-15-august-19-26-sitka-to-juneau/>)
- [Liseron Trip #14 Juneau to Sitka August 12-19](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-14/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-14/>)
- [Liseron Trip #13 Sitka to Juneau August 6-12th](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-13-sitka-to-juneau-august-6-12th/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-13-sitka-to-juneau-august-6-12th/>)
- [Liseron trip #12 July 30th – August 5th Juneau to Sitka](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-12-july-30th-august-5th-juneau-to-sitka/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-12-july-30th-august-5th-juneau-to-sitka/>)
- [Liseron Trip #11 Sitka to Juneau July 22-29](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-11/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-11/>)
- [M/V Liseron Trip #10 Juneau to Sitka July 16-22](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/mv-liseron-trip-10-july-16th-july-22nd-juneau-to-sitka/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/mv-liseron-trip-10-july-16th-july-22nd-juneau-to-sitka/>)
- [Liseron Trip #9 Sitka to Juneau July 8-15](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-9-sitka-to-juneau-july-8-15/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-9-sitka-to-juneau-july-8-15/>)
- [Liseron Trip #8 Juneau to Sitka July 1st- 8th](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-8-juneau-to-sitka-july-1st-8th/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-8-juneau-to-sitka-july-1st-8th/>)
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- [Liseron Trip #6 Juneau to Sitka June 17-24](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-6-juneau-to-sitka-june-17-24/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-6-juneau-to-sitka-june-17-24/>)
- [Liseron Trip #5 – Sitka to Juneau – June 10-17](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-5-sitka-to-juneau-june-10-17/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-5-sitka-to-juneau-june-10-17/>)
- [Liseron Trip #4 – Juneau to Sitka – June 4 – 10](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-4-juneau-to-sitka-june-4-10/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-4-juneau-to-sitka-june-4-10/>)
- [Liseron Trip #3 – Sitka to Juneau May 28 – June 3](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-3-sitka-to-juneau-may-28-june-3/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-3-sitka-to-juneau-may-28-june-3/>)

Our activities for Day 5 required a very short jump from Nelson Bay to adjacent Kasnyku Bay, where guests followed their breakfast with a visit to a remote salmon hatchery, a 500-foot climb up Kasnyku Ridge through ancient Alaska yellow-cedar trees and an unusual “bonsai” landscape of stunted shore pines and unique wildflowers, or fishing for salmon and halibut in Chatham Strait. Underway again during lunch, we crossed the strait again to Admiralty Island, where guests again fished the saltwater, fished the mouth of a river for Dolly Varden char, or kayaked the inner waters of our anchorage in Whitewater Bay. Crossing Chatham Strait yet again, we spent the night in Baranof Island’s Saook Bay.



Day 6

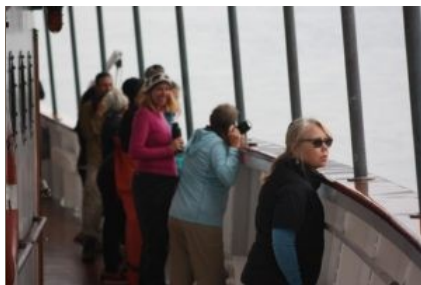
A number of guests were up early again for one last chance to paddle before breakfast, while some headed off early to drop lines for salmon and halibut where Chatham and Peril Straits come together. Guests who remained in Saook Bay either fished its inlet river for pink salmon and Dollies, hiked the beautiful estuary around the mouth of the river, or toured the bay by skiff. During lunch we exited Saook Bay into Peril Strait and cruised the strait all the way to Schulze Cove, where we tucked away for one last night on the hook.



Day 7

Our final day began with a 2-hour cruise from Schulze Bay to Sitka, passing through Sergius Narrows, Salisbury Sound, Olga and Neva Straits, and Sitka Sound along the way and culminating with a fond farewell.

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- [Liseron Trip #2 May 20 – 27 Juneau to Sitka](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-2-may-20-27-juneau-to-sitka/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-2-may-20-27-juneau-to-sitka/>)
- [Liseron Trip #1 – Sitka to Juneau – May 13-20 2017](http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-1-sitka-to-juneau-may-13-20-2017/) (<http://www.theboatcompany.org/the-boats/liseron-trip-1-sitka-to-juneau-may-13-20-2017/>)
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