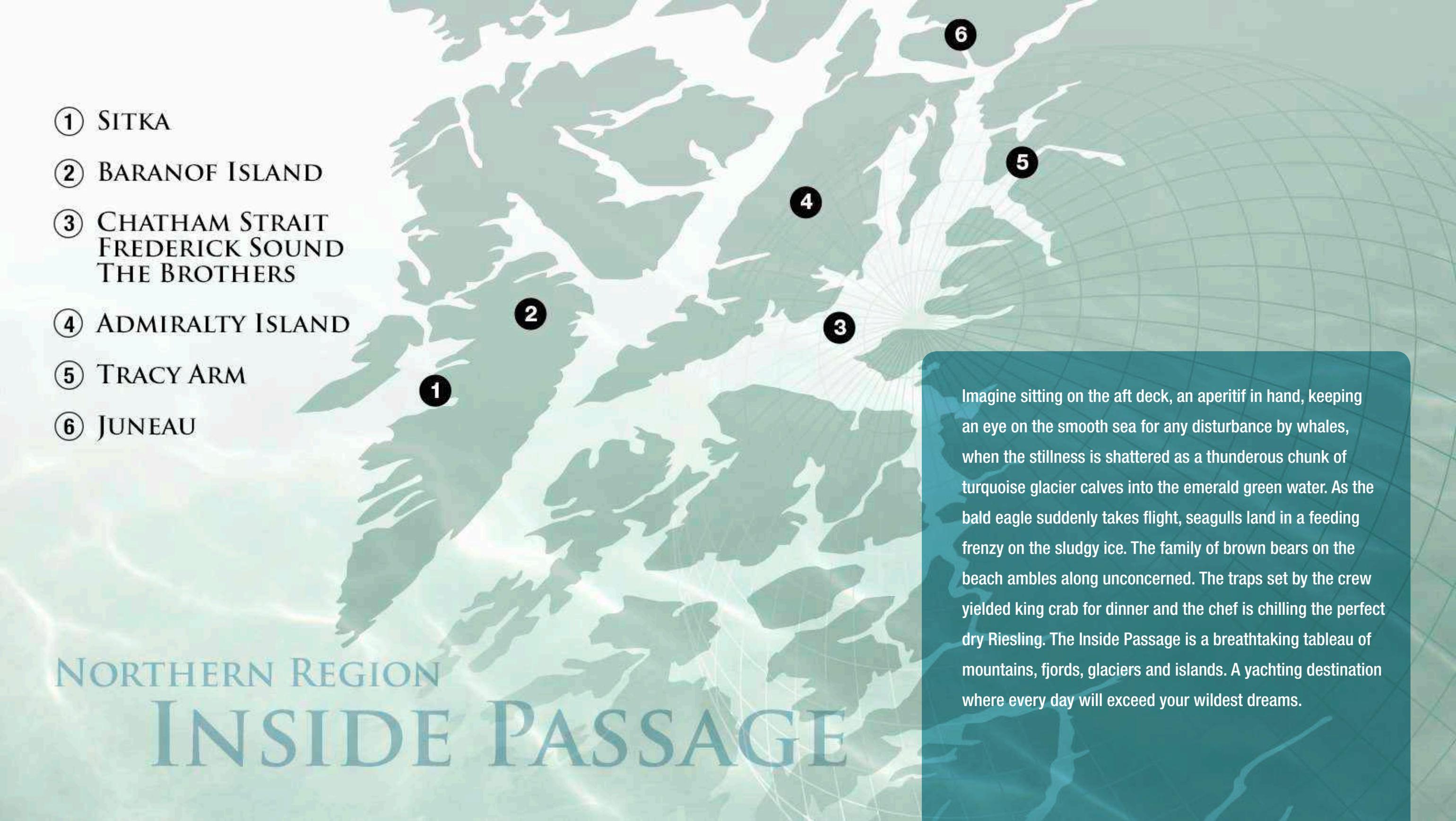




★ *Destination* GUIDE ★

Southeast Alaska

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NORTHERN REGION

INSIDE PASSAGE

Imagine sitting on the aft deck, an aperitif in hand, keeping an eye on the smooth sea for any disturbance by whales, when the stillness is shattered as a thunderous chunk of turquoise glacier calves into the emerald green water. As the bald eagle suddenly takes flight, seagulls land in a feeding frenzy on the sludgy ice. The family of brown bears on the beach ambles along unconcerned. The traps set by the crew yielded king crab for dinner and the chef is chilling the perfect dry Riesling. The Inside Passage is a breathtaking tableau of mountains, fjords, glaciers and islands. A yachting destination where every day will exceed your wildest dreams.



Alaska contains the county's northernmost and westernmost points, and because the Aleutian Islands stretch across the 180th meridian. Alaska contains the easternmost point as well.

SITKA ROCKY GUTIERREZ AIRPORT

Airport Code: SIT

JUNEAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Code: TCB



Sitka

This historic seaside town was first settled by Tlingit Indians, followed by Russians, and finally by America's most rugged frontiersmen. Stroll the picturesque streets, museums, shops and galleries nestled beneath Mount Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano wrapped in spruce. The town has 22 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, many are examples of 19th century Russian architecture. Shop local at the Baranof Arts and Crafts Association. The Sitka Summer Music Festival offers master workshops, amazing performances and delightful events. Relax with the townsfolk in the tasting room at Baranof Island Brewing Company. Launch the kayaks to explore island forests and remote bays. Lose yourself in a miraculous display of nature.

Baranof Island Brewing Company — baranofislandbrewing.com

Alaska Raptor Center — www.alaskaraptor.org

Sitka Music Festival — www.sitkamusicalfestival.org

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Baranof Island

Heavily cloaked by a spruce and hemlock rainforest, and home to a magnificent variety of wildlife, Baranof Island has a shoreline of over 619 miles. The island is named for Alexander Baranov, a Russian fur trader and the first governor of Sitka, the capital of Russian America in 1802. Settle on deck with your camera as you glide past Grizzly bears and Black Tail Deer at water's edge, and American Bald Eagles sailing overhead. From the dock at Warm Springs Bay, hike a half mile to luxuriate in 107-degree geothermal pools near the 100-foot Baranof Falls. Enjoy an eagle's eye view of the alpine snowcapped mountains, many islands, bays, hidden lakes and Baranof ice fields on a floatplane excursion.

“ At Warm Springs Bay, don't be surprised to see Humpback whales swim up the dock to scrape away their barnacles. The thermal bathhouses at the dock have great views of the Baranof Falls, but most guests prefer to hike to the natural hot springs for a soak. Beware, if your clothes smell of fish they will likely be stolen by a bear while you bathe. ”

— Captain Jim Bannon

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Chatham Strait ... Frederick Sound ... The Brothers Islands

“Whether you are a serious fisherman or casual angler, like deep sea sport, salmon, or bottom fishing, this is a world-class fishing paradise. The inside waters and the open ocean have an amazing variety of fish including, king salmon, silver salmon, halibut, black bass, lingcod, and yellow eye.”

— Captain Mike Gilbreth

The waters of Frederick Sound, Stephens Passage and Chatham Strait tumble together to make a literal whale highway. Lounge on the bow as the yacht drifts quietly through Frederick Sound so as not to disturb the hundreds of migrating Orcas and humpback whales, killer whales and Stellar sea lions. Drop anchor and launch the kayaks to be at eye level with these magnificent creatures. Paddle into tiny coves and along sandy beaches. Look for sea lions stretched out on the rocky islands that dot the channels, and black and brown bears, deer and wolves along the shore. At night, anchor off The Brothers to hear the humpback whales passing gracefully along your hull.

Inga's Galley — www.ingasgalley.com

Five Finger Lighthouse — www.5fingerlighthouse.com

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Admiralty Island

Don your sunglasses, take a seat on the sundeck and keep your camera and binoculars at hand. The 96-mile-long island houses a Stellar sea lion colony, 5,000 bald eagles that average a nest every mile, some 1600 brown bears, and Tlingit Indians, living here for over 1,000 years. Ninety percent of this nature reserve is wilderness. Kayak around Mitchell, Hood, Whitewater and Chaik bays to photograph harbor seals, porpoises and sea lions. Watch Humpbacks feeding in Seymour Canal. Angling enthusiasts take an irresistible detour to one of the streams packed with all five species of Pacific salmon. Drop a line off the aft deck and troll through the quiet waters of Stephens Passage.

Pack Creek Bear Sanctuary — www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=southeastviewing.juneaupackcreek

“For guests who enjoy hiking and are interested in bears, the Pack Creek Sanctuary has trails through the tidal flats and an observation tower a mile upstream. Bears are the most active in July and August when the salmon runs are at their peak. A permit is required, so let your Captain know if you want to visit.”

— Captain Bob Armstrong

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Tracy Arm ... Sawyer Glacier

“ I have traveled and lived in much of Alaska but Tracy Arm really takes the cake. This is my favorite place to observe, photograph, and explore. The deeper you go into the fjord the more the walls close in on you. It's an exciting sensation, and the awesome turquoise icebergs that surround you offer amazing photo ops. ”

— Captain Jim Bannon

Take an early morning breakfast on deck as the yacht slips past an obstacle course of icebergs floating along 22-mile Tracy Arm, a very deep and spectacular fjord. Vertical granite walls are animated by agile Alaskan Mountain Goats and cascading waterfalls. Deer, moose, bears and other wildlife roam this untamed habitat. Your Captain must gradually reduce speed on the approach to the massive blue ice block of Sawyer Glacier, maneuvering among the azure megaton chunks that calve into the water. Newly exposed bits of flora and fauna embedded in the ice cause a feeding frenzy among seagulls patrolling the glacial slush.

Tongass National Forest — www.fs.usda.gov/tongass

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“From Juneau take a seaplane or helicopter tour. Take in the amazing glacial landscape from the air and land on a glacier for a guided hike, or see it through the eyes of an Iditarod musher on a dog sled. This truly unique experience is a must.”

— Captain Mike Gilbreth

Juneau

Old-growth forest, snow-capped mountains, glaciers, ice caves, spawning salmon streams, prime bear habitat, and migratory whale routes all lie within Juneau’s city limits. The stunning state capital houses original Gold Rush-era buildings, art galleries, museums, historic and Native heritage sites, fine dining restaurants, bars and boutique shopping. The area is a hiker’s heaven, with over 90 trails for all skill levels. Mendenhall Glacier, a massive 1.5 mile wide glacier calving into its own lake, is located about 13 miles north of downtown. If you are not a hiker, the spectacular view from the visitor’s center is well worth the trip.

Juneau Artist Gallery — www.juneauartistsgallery.com

Alaskan Brewing Company — www.alaskanbeer.com

The Red Dog Saloon — www.reddogsaloon.com

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TIME ZONES: Alaska Time Zone is Standard GMT/UTC -9h and Daylight Saving GMT/UTC -8h; Oregon, Washington & British Columbia: Pacific Time Zone Standard GMT/UTC -8h and Daylight Saving GMT/UTC -7h

ECONOMY: Natural Resources, Agriculture, Manufacturing, Technology, Services, Tourism

DRESS CODE: Dress is informal, emphasis should be on comfort and practicality. Use a layered technique, ideal to allow for fairly rapid changes. Rain gear and waterproof walking shoes or boots are essential. Bring light gloves and a bathing suit for hot springs.

DRIVING: Motorists drive on the right side in the US and Canada.

GOVERNMENTS & POLITICAL SYSTEMS:
Canada, parliamentary democracy;
United States, democracy

ELECTRIC CURRENT: 110/120V, 60Hz

CURRENCIES: United States dollar,
Canadian dollar

AIRLINES: Alaska Airlines serves Yakutat, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, and Sitka. Delta, American, Southwest, and United fly to Seattle (SEA) and Portland (PDX). Air Canada, Air Canada Express, Air Transat and WestJet fly to Vancouver Int'l (YVR).

Climate:

The coastal region has an oceanic climate. Summer days have a temperature range from 60°F-80°F with frequent rain showers. Nighttime and early mornings can dip down into the 40's - 50's. Late August and September bring cooler temperatures and slightly fewer hours of sunlight, as fall arrives early at these latitudes. Winter temperatures are fairly mild, rarely falling below 20°F.

CLIMATE DATA FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG YEAR
Average High °F	47	51	56	61	67	73	80	80	75	63	52	45	62.5
Average Low °F	38	38	41	44	49	53	57	58	54	48	41	36	46.4
Average Rainfall (inches)	6.14	4.79	4.50	3.40	2.55	1.69	0.59	0.71	1.54	3.42	6.74	6.94	3.58

When to visit:

Yachting is best in the summer months, from June to August, when temperatures are mild and days are long. During the summer fishing is excellent and spawning salmon draw all wildlife to the coast.



Passports are required for non-U.S. citizens, some countries may also require a Visa. U.S. citizens need a passport to re-enter the United States from Canada, permanent U.S. residents may enter and exit Canada with a Green Card and identification

VISA INFORMATION

www.projectvisa.com



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▶ Plunge into wilderness...