

August 9 – 21, 2016 | OCEANIA REGATTA

The University of Redlands welcomes you aboard the luxurious and intimate Oceania Regatta as she sails through Alaska's stunning glaciers, vibrant colors and abundant natural beauty. Join us, along with Professor of Biology Dr. Lei Lani Stelle, on this 13-day and 12- night country club casual experience. The University has carefully designed this excursion to utilize our faculty member's expertise and bring you a trip far beyond the standard Alaska cruise. Traveling with the University will give you complete access to Professor Lei Lani Stelle, photographer Shane Keena and local researchers they both have worked with for years.

In addition to the cruise itinerary, enjoy seven tailored adventures:

- Culinary tour of Seattle's Pike Place Market
- Whale Watching aboard a private vessel
- White Hall Pass Scenic Train in Skagway
- Ketchikan's Bald Eagles at the Raptor Center
- Bear Search in Wrangell

All Redlands Signature Experiences are included in the cost of the trip. If you have any questions, please call Danny Genung at (909) 266-0117 or email him at <u>danny@harrtravel.com</u>.



## **Itinerary Overview**

| ug 9 Tue  | Seattle, United States                  |
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| ug 10 Wed | Seattle, United States                  |
| ug 11 Thu | Seattle, United States (Cruise Departs) |
| ug 12 Fri | Cruising the Inside Passage             |
| ug 13 Sat | Ketchikan, Alaska                       |
| ug 14 Sun | Icy Straight Point (Hoonah), Alaska     |
| ug 15 Mon | Skagway, Alaska                         |
| ug 16 Tue | Cruising Hubbard Glacier                |
| ug 17 Wed | Sitka, Alaska                           |
| ug 18 Thu | Wrangell, Alaska                        |
| ug 19 Fri | Prince Rupert, Canada                   |
| ug 20 Sat | Cruising the Outside Passage            |
| ug 21 Sun | Vancouver, Canada                       |
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#### Day 1 – August 9

## **Arrival in Seattle**

Seattle remains the Gateway to Alaska. Just as in 1898, visitors line the piers eager to board ships bound for Alaska. These days a few things have changed the ships are a little more comfortable and the voyage is the destination - but the sentiment remains the same – North to Alaska! What can you see in a few hours? For a colorful start, head to the Seattle Art Museum or further still to historic Pioneer Square where you can tour the remarkable Seattle Underground. Just up 1st Avenue, shop the trendy stores of Bell Town as you make your way to the Seattle Center, home of the Space Needle. Or, if you prefer, head down to Pier 59 to visit the Seattle Aquarium and its exhibits featuring the undersea world of Puget Sound, including a working salmon ladder.



#### Day 2 – August 10

## **Culinary Showcase**

#### Redlands Signature Experience: Pike Place Culinary

<u>Showcase</u>. Experience the iconic Pike Place Market on a special culinary walking tour. Watch the salmon fly through the air at the famous fishmonger stalls and sample crab cakes, chowder, and cheese made by local artisans. Get an insider's look at seven specialty vendors and hear stories about the Market's rich history spanning more than one hundred years.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Dinner With Fellow Travelers</u>. Before we embark on our voyage, get to know Redlands alumni and friends over dinner as we sample some of the delicious food that Seattle has to offer one another.



### Day 3 – August 11

### Seattle

We will board the elegantly charming Oceania Cruises' flagship, the Regatta. This ship offers every amenity you would expect on a luxury cruise line while maintaining an intimate feel with just 684 total guests.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>The Redlands Welcome</u>. Redlands staff will ensure your transportation from the hotel to the ship goes smoothly and our journey begins with a "bon voyage!"



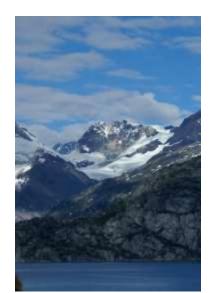
#### Day 4 – August 12

## **Cruising the Inside Passage**

Shaped by the force of massive glaciers millions of years ago, Alaska's Inside Passage is teeming with wildlife-filled fjords and lush island scenery — habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoises and whales. The Inside Passage's mountains are carpeted with majestic forests making it the longtime favored sea route between Anchorage and Seattle.

> **Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Marine Biology Lecture</u> <u>Series.</u> Redlands Professor of Marine Biology Dr. Lei Lani Stelle will host workshops and excursions throughout this adventure. Her research focuses on the specific marine wildlife that will be encountered throughout our time in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Wilderness Photography Workshop</u>. Renowned wildlife photographer Shane Keena, will provide photography workshops so travelers are better prepared to capture the sights of Alaska with their personal cameras.



### Day 5 – August 13 Ketchikan

Ketchikan is best known for three things: feisty salmon, idyllic scenery, and an incredibly rich Alaskan Native culture. It is also a photographer's dream: point your camera in most any direction and you'll capture an image suitable for framing such as Misty Fjords National Monument, with its blue lakes and snowcapped mountaintops often shrouded in ethereal mist. For local Natives, the Tongass Rainforest provides red cedar logs for totem poles and cedar bark and spruce roots used in traditional basket weaving. The Native arts are thriving here in Ketchikan and there are several museum collections and totem parks that showcase both ancient and more contemporary works.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Highlights of Ketchikan with Bald</u> <u>Eagles at the Raptor Center.</u> Join us on this tour through Alaska's history and cultural experience. Professor Stelle will accompany us as we visit the Alaska Raptor Center, a bird rehabilitation center, where we will see a bald eagle up close and watch it soar during a demonstration. We will be treated to a wonderful view of the Alaska rainforest and enjoy delicious smoked salmon.

**Included Optional Experiences:** <u>Eagle Island Sea Kayak.</u> The protected waters of Clover Pass provide you with the opportunity to experience the tranquil setting of the Tongass National Forest. As you paddle, you'll learn about the natural and cultural history of the area while keeping an eye out for bald eagles, seals, jumping salmon and, when the tide is right, starfish.

<u>City Highlights, Totems & Creek Street.</u> Learn the history and culture of Ketchikan as you travel aboard a festive trolley. You'll be entertained by a lively tour guide while passing by some of the city's most colorful landmarks. Photograph majestic totems, and shop some of Ketchikan's



finest stores to purchase authentic Alaskan Native-made items or curios.

### Day 6 – August 14 Icy Strait Point (Hoonah)

Hoonah means "where the north wind doesn't blow" in the language of the Tlingit Indians, who make up about 70% of the population of this village teeming with wildlife. Whale watching is considered excellent near Hoonah and humpback and killer whales are often spotted along the shores right in front of town. You will also want to be on the lookout for eagles, bears, and other native species.

> **Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Whale Watching Adventure.</u> We will be in search of gray whales, humpbacks, and orcas on a private vessel with faculty guide Dr. Lei Lani Stelle. Dr. Stelle will share her research interests while providing extraordinary insight into these gentle giants. **Included Optional Experiences:** <u>Ziprider-World's Largest Zip-Line</u>. Ride the world's largest and longest zip-line over the treetops and down a mountain at speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

> <u>Forest & Nature Tram</u> - Make your way to the covered-wheel tram that will carry you through the lush greenery that is part of the Tongass National Forest. The majestic Tongass is three times the size of America's next largest national forest. The ride is hauntingly silent, immensely peaceful, and a spiritual-like experience for many. No wonder these forests are often referred to as cathedral forests.



# Day 7 – August 15

## Skagway

Skagway emerged in the late 1890s as a makeshift gold-rush town for miners headed to the Yukon gold fields. Besides Juneau, Skagway is the most popular port in southeast Alaska and it rarely disappoints visitors. A seven-block corridor along Broadway features historic false-front shops and restaurants, wooden sidewalks, locals in period costumes and restored buildings.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>White Hall Pass Scenic Train.</u> The scenic views from the train on the White Hall Pass are stunning and will be one of many opportunities you will have to practice the wildlife photography techniques you will learn under the direction of photographer Shane Keena.

**Included Optional Experiences:** <u>Klondike Rock Climbing And Rappelling</u> <u>Adventure.</u> Depart the pier for the brief drive through historic downtown Skagway, then up the Klondike Highway. From the highway, you will take a brief hike on a nature trail to the base of majestic rock cliffs recently smoothed by retreating glaciers. Upon arrival, you will don your rock-climbing shoes, helmets and harnesses. After receiving



your safety instructions and a climbing introduction from the guides, you will rope up and begin climbing the clean granite.

<u>Historical City Tour & Salmon Bake.</u> Tour historic Skagway, as your guide points out places of interest and amuses you with tales of the famous and foolhardy. Wind through streets lined with wooden boardwalks and false-fronted buildings en route to a Gold Rush Trail Camp re-created on the very spot where it stood a century ago. At Liarsville, you'll dine on freshly grilled filet of Alaskan Salmon, baked chicken, rice pilaf, and a variety of salads, baked beans, corn bread, coffee, lemonade, and dessert.

## Day 8 – August 16 Hubbard Glacier

Hubbard Glacier is the largest tidewater glacier in North America. Its immense beauty and phenomenal blue hues are enchanting, even from the comfort of our ship. With the snowcapped mountains serving as a glorious backdrop, you'll have a prime viewing spot from which to witness the glacier calving, as it often expels icebergs the size of 10-story buildings- imagine the splash! The area around Hubbard Glacier is also renowned for its wildlife, a perfect setting for our faculty guides to point out whales, harbor seals and otters.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Glacier Photography Workshop.</u> The rich and enchanting blue hues of Hubbard Glacier require expert photographical techniques to perfectly capture its beauty. Thankfully we will have Shane Keena on hand to instruct us.



### Day 9 – August 17 Sitka

The setting of Sitka, Alaska, in a tranquil bay on Baranof Island, is nothing short of spectacular; tiny islands dense with evergreen trees dot the blue-green water. Sitka has an abundance of wildlife. Humpback whales frolic in the bay; massive brown bears and Sitka black-tailed deer roam through nearby forests of spruce and hemlock; and thousands of seabirds, including the rare rhinoceros auklet and tufted puffin, flock to St. Lazaria National Wildlife Refuge at the mouth of Sitka Sound.

> **Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Coffee Chat with Local Alaskan</u> <u>Researchers.</u> Since she is familiar with the region from her postgraduate work in the Pacific Northwest, Dr. Stelle has many contacts within the area. Her colleagues will be joining us for an interactive dialogue on the ecology and preservation of the region.



### Day 10 – August 18

### Wrangell

Once a Tlingit Indian stronghold, then a Russian outpost, and finally an American settlement in 1867, Wrangell is the largest U.S. national park. It is equivalent to six Yellowstones, with peaks upon peaks and glaciers after glaciers. Far from the hustle and bustle of other Alaskan destinations, the magnificent scenery and untamed nature of this park allow you to experience genuine "Wild Alaska" on its own terms. Nearby, the Anan Wildlife Observatory, a traditional Alaskan Native hunting and fishing site, provides opportunities to observe brown and black bears feeding on pink salmon.

**Redlands Signature Experience:** In Search of Bears. We will be on a bear search and wildlife walk to fully immerse ourselves in the natural splendor that is Alaska.

**Included Optional Experiences:** <u>Muskeg Meadows Golf.</u> Golf aficionados will enjoy this outing to Wrangell's golf course "Muskeg Meadows." Here in this pristine wilderness setting you will enjoy playing on nine USGA rated fairways rising out of the wetlands while bear, deer and moose can be seen grazing nearby.

<u>Wrangell Highlights.</u> Discover the highlights of this truly Alaskan town and see its colorful history and native culture come to life while visiting the Wrangell Museum and Petroglyph Beach with Kiks Adi Totem Park and Alaskan Native interpretation.



# Day 11 – August 19

### **Prince Rupert**

British Columbia's most northern coastal city, Prince Rupert sits on the very edge of the wilderness. The majority of its attractions revolve around the outdoors, such as sport fishing or a walking tour of the bonsai-like forest at Oliver Lake. Wildlife abounds, including bears, mountain goats and a variety of migrating whales.

> **Redlands Signature Experience:** <u>Marine Biology Lecture Series.</u> Join Professor Stelle as she discusses the current hot button issues in the world of marine biology such as Sea World, whale hunting, and conservation.

**Included Optional Experiences:** <u>Butze Rainforest Nature Walk.</u> Nature lovers won't want to miss this tour that follows a nature trail through an old-growth rainforest, stopping along the way as your guide describes the importance and uses of the various plants. The landscape is so verdant and unspoiled it looks almost primeval.

<u>Prince Rupert City Highlights and Museum</u>. Some of the stories of the Tsimshian are told in the intricately carved totem poles found on your trip through Totem Park. Meanwhile, the Museum of Northern British



Columbia beautifully presents the most revealing art and artifacts of the Northwest Coast, with an emphasis on First Nations artisans.

#### Day 12-13 – August 20-21

### Vancouver

We arrive in the beautiful metropolitan city of Vancouver. It is by far the largest port on Regatta's Alaska cruises. Vancouver offers every imaginable bigcity attraction. Explore the Museum of Anthropology and the Vancouver Art Museum for culture. History flourishes in the Gastown district, which borders vibrant Chinatown. Or, enjoy a break from the bustle in Stanley Park, one of North America's largest urban parks.

### **Optional Pre-tour Extension – Aug 8-9**

## Friday Harbor, San Juan Islands Whale Watching

The best chance to see orcas in all of the Pacific Northwest is Friday Harbor. In 2014, it was named one of the top 10 islands in the world by Travel+Leisure Magazine in its "World's Best Awards." It also happens to be one of Professor Stelle's favorite whale watching locations. She will accompany us from Seattle to San Juan Island where we will embark on a voyage to find these magnificent animals in their natural habitat. Please note this is an optional trip.

To reserve your spot, please contact Danny Genung at danny@harrtravel.com or call (909) 266-0117



