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Alaska Small Ship Adventure Cruising

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Alaska is a land of adventure, wild coastline, and exploration. Nowhere is this more evident than on Kenai Peninsula. Comprising some 9,000 square miles that is 90% wilderness, the Kenai Peninsula represents one of the most exciting destinations for Alaskan travelers looking to get away from the crowds to observe wildlife within its natural habitat. However, visitors' options for reaching this remote location have traditionally been restricted, either by road access or the distance, a tour boat can travel in a day. North Pacific Expeditions (NPE) is one company working to change how visitors experience the Kenai Peninsula. NPE is a small ship cruise company offering

all-inclusive adventure charters for those looking to explore the far reaches of the Kenai Peninsula.

A family-owned business based out of Mukilteo, Washington, North Pacific Expeditions owns and operates *Sea Star*, a 1965, 85-foot classic yacht built by the Burger Boat Company in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. With ports of call that include Whittier, Seward and Homer, *Sea Star* takes up to 12 guests on one-week, highly-interactive, highly-personal expeditions that reach deep into the coves, inlets and fjords of the Kenai Peninsula. Working with the guests to build the perfect Kenai Peninsula itinerary, activities include up-close glacier viewing, kayaking the pristine waters of tiny coves or guided





hiking along a bear trail above a hidden bay. And for those looking to dive a little deeper, the onboard Naturalist offers educational talks about the region's history, wildlife, and culturally significant events. Whatever the day's activities, *Sea Star's* crew endeavors to showcase the many delights found on the Kenai Peninsula, leaving guests with increased knowledge and appreciation for a region.

Throughout the day's activities, guests can relax onboard *Sea Star* with the various amenities offered. Built with both luxury and practicality in mind, *Sea Star* provides guests a choice of four exploration-themed cabins, each with private in-suite bathrooms and operational screened porthole windows. While aboard *Sea Star*, guests can also choose from many lounging and viewing areas, both inside and outside the ship, giving them ample room to spread out and a level of privacy and viewing possibilities not found on other exploration yachts. No cruising experience would be complete without personalized service and delicious gourmet meals, sourced with local ingredients to showcase the bountiful offerings of the region.

The Kenai Peninsula represents some of the best of what Alaska has to offer any traveler visiting this region. North Pacific Expeditions is doing its part to bring visitors to an area richly deserving of more attention.

North Pacific Expeditions also provides adventure cruises in Prince William Sound as well as nonstop Alaska/Canada Inside Passage charters between Seattle, Washington, and the towns of Ketchikan, Petersburg,

and Sitka, Alaska. The Inside Passage voyage offers a unique small ship cruise adventure along the Alaska Marine Highway. Boat owners looking to gain navigational instruction about the challenges of these northern Pacific coastal waters will get first-hand knowledge. 🚤

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