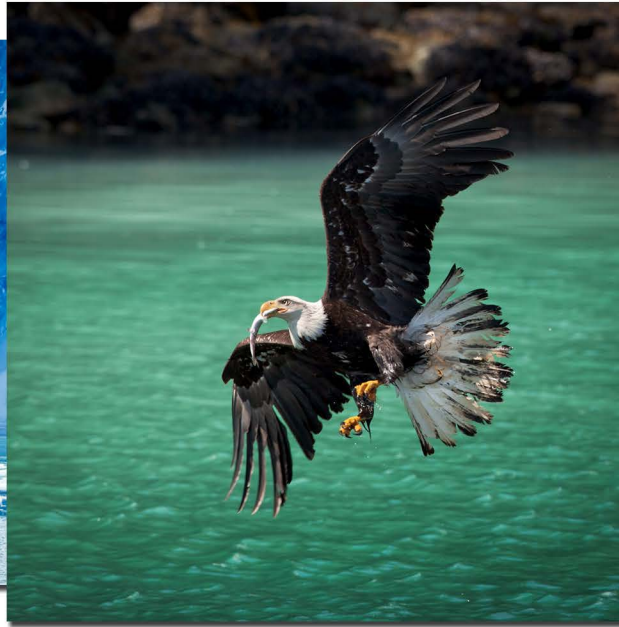
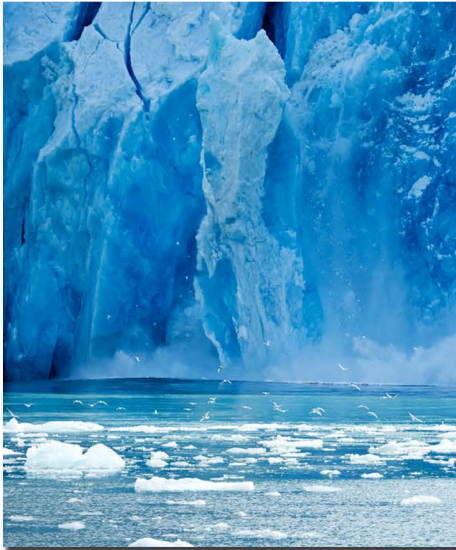


# Alaska's Inside Passage - Eagles, Whales, and Glaciers

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Prepare for a life changing experience as you join Rick Sammon and Hal Schmitt for 8 days and 7 nights of Alaskan photography immersion. The sheer volume and quality of amazing subjects and opportunities are unrivaled by any other photo adventure; whether wildlife, landscape, pano, or HDR get ready to photograph in a "target rich environment." The adventure is yacht-based but do not think large cruise ship or even NatGeo size boats, the small, yet stable Northern Song allows close and low (water level) photography unmatched anywhere else in Alaska.

To ensure the best possible photography, this trip is limited to 6 participants. With a student to instructor ratio of 3:1 you will always have the guidance, advice, and artistic and technical support you need to make the best images.

This photo adventure does not have a set itinerary or daily schedule. Instead we will depart Sitka, AK and follow the predators that pursue the Pacific Herring. The high calorie, oil rich herring are a critical part of the diet of Bald Eagles, orca, harbor seals, otters, Steller sea lions, humpback whales, and a myriad of gulls and sea birds. After a long winter, they are all ready to feed. With eagles soaring overhead, Steller sea lions and humpback whales cruise near the shoreline before rushing and lunging through the huge schools of herring. The eagles attack from the air and surface gorging on the small, silvery fish. Photographing from the yacht, we will be in the middle of the action for close up images of this magnificent annual wonder of nature.

All of the action is set against one of the most spectacular backdrops anywhere on the planet, South East Alaska and the Inside Passage. Dramatic glacier covered mountains rise sharply from the calm, blue waters providing a landscape photographer's dream. Pine, spruce, and fir are everywhere delivering a rich, dark green; a beautiful background to all of our action shots.

We will explore the Inside Passage and photograph the incredible scenery including close up visits to huge calving glaciers, dramatic fjords, and isolated islands. Shore excursions are available where we get up close and personal with the incredible temperate rain forest of the Tongass.





## The Yacht

The Northern Song, captained by Dennis Rogers, will be our home, transport, and shooting platform for the photo adventure. The Northern Song is an 85' luxury yacht with a crew of three: Captain, First Mate, and Chef. With spacious, comfortable staterooms, amazing food, and a Captain who puts the yacht in position for the perfect shot, you will love the Northern Song.

Captain Rogers has over 30 years experience sailing Alaskan waters. The professional crew and the best in navigation and safety gear ensure a safe and productive cruise. Scan or click the code to view a video of Tim Grey demonstrating a critical yacht safety feature.

## The Details

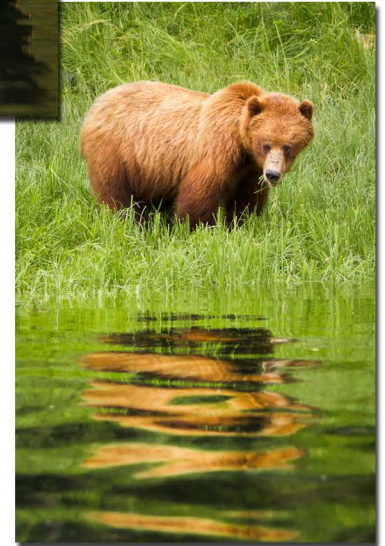
8 days and 7 nights on the Northern Song  
Embark 1200 18 April, Sitka, AK  
Disembark 1600 25 April, Petersburg, AK  
Plan to arrive in Sitka no later than 17 April.  
Plan to depart from Petersburg no earlier than 26 April.  
Two lower staterooms have two beds.  
Master suite has one large bed.  
Each stateroom has a private head and shower.  
All staterooms are double occupancy (single rate available.)

The fee for this photo adventure is \$6,850 for double occupancy. A discount is offered when booking a full stateroom. Fee includes: 8 days and 7 nights on the yacht, photo instruction, computer instruction, and all meals, snacks and beverages including beer and wine but not hard alcohol.

Fee does not include: airfare to and from Sitka/Petersburg, AK, lodging for 17/25 April, tip for Northern Song crew, travel or medical insurance costs, or trip insurance (highly encouraged.)



Scan or click for glacier action



Scan or click for feeding whales

For more information or to join this photo adventure please contact Hal or Victoria Schmitt at 805.528.7385, via e-mail at [info@Lightworkshops.com](mailto:info@Lightworkshops.com), or visit [Lightworkshops.com](http://Lightworkshops.com).

