

The Nature of Small Ship Travel

This is a 'soft adventure' trip. Participants must be amenable to live in relatively close quarters and fit enough to enjoy long, relatively active days in the outdoors. Additional requirements include the ability to climb into and out of Zodiacs as well as traversing slippery shorelines and the uneven terrain of coastal forests. Specific shore activities are always optional.

In the wilderness areas, there are few inhabitants, no roads, and no docks. Each evening we anchor for the night in a protected bay. We do daily shore excursions, and use our Zodiacs (inflatable outboard craft) to access the shore for forest walks, hot springs, and visits to ancient native villages. Guests load into Zodiacs at water level from the ship, and are transported to the shore where they disembark onto the beach or rocks. Boarding requires navigating a ladder at the stern, stepping down into the Zodiac, and disembarking on potentially slippery rocks. The crew are on hand to provide assistance.

All cabins are double occupancy with ensuite bathrooms with showers. Solo travellers may be matched with another traveller of the same gender.

Sea kayaking is an optional activity requiring some agility to enter and exit the boat. Our sea kayaking activities focus on exploring along the shore in protected waters short distances from the ship.

This trip is a guided travel experience. When ashore we travel as a group; it is important that participants listen to and follow the guides' instructions.

If you have any concerns about your ability to participate fully in this trip, please notify our office staff upon registration, or indeed, at any time prior to departure.