



DOLPHINCHARTERS

ALASKA, CALIFORNIA,
BAJA, GALAPAGOS
& BEYOND



“...Each of them in his own tempo and with his own voice discovered and reaffirmed with astonishment the knowledge that all things are one thing and that one thing is all things - plankton, a shimmering phosphorescence on the sea and the spinning planets and an expanding universe, all bound together by the elastic string of time. It is advisable to look from the tidepool to the stars and then back to the tidepool again.”

From: *The Log from the Sea of Cortez* by John Steinbeck

Photo: Don Paulson



Cover Photo: Ryan O'Keven

Dolphin Charters hopes to show you the serenity, beauty and majesty of the marine wilderness and our natural world.

Dear friends

Dolphin Charters' natural history programs are designed for nature lovers. With our 50 ft. trawler style exploration boat "Delphinus" we invite you to explore, experience, and educate yourself about the natural world around you. Photographers, wildlife enthusiasts, and lovers of vastness will find these voyages unsurpassed.

Our tour leaders are wonderful naturalists and renowned photographers that share with you their extensive knowledge of marine wilderness areas. We specialize in small groups, as is appropriate to true wilderness and to ensure a unique intimate experience.



Photo: James Martin



Photo: Kathy Durrett

california day cruises

October through May (and now some in the summer) Dolphin Charters offers varied and interesting day cruises in the San Francisco Bay and its' surrounding waterways. Trips up the Napa and Petaluma Rivers as well as the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta provide forays into a watery natural world that most of us don't realize exists. Many of these wetland and coastal areas look much as they would have 100-200 years ago and other parts have changed dramatically. Come with us and visit these important natural and cultural history aspects of California that shaped our state.

All of our trips are narrated and we encourage passengers to ask questions about the shorelines, islands, and wildlife that we encounter.

Apart from our Road Scholar, museum, and college Bay Area trips, we are also available for private and group charters. Please call for details, and our fall 2011 and winter/spring 2012 California schedule will be on our website.



ecuador

Separate from our Pacific Northwest and California cruises Ronn Patterson and Dolphin Charters try to set up one or more Ecuador/Baja trips each year. For 2012 (and 2013), we have Ronn Patterson leading a three part natural history excursion starting with a 10 day cruise in the Galapagos Islands, proceeding to a lodge in the Ecuadorian Cloud forest, and ending with a dugout canoe trip in the Amazon rain forest. Ronn is very familiar with these areas, and along with wonderful Ecuadorian guides will give you a terrific insight into the tremendous diversity found in Ecuador.

These trips can be taken together (which gives a discount) or separately. See the website for details.





alaska and british columbia

Hello all adventurers!

We kick off the 2012 Alaska/British Columbia season with our Fabulous Inside Passage cruise from Port Townsend to Ketchikan. Start in the U.S., visit remote fantastic parts of coastal British Columbia, and end back in the U.S.

Next on the agenda is a photo workshop with Roger Devore. His 2011 trip was very popular and they had terrific ice, porpoise and sea otters. Following his workshop are two Glacier Bay trips, the first one a photo tour led by Australian photographer Darran Leal. The second one is also a photo tour in Glacier Bay. These two trips have it all every year - ice, spectacular scenery, sea otters, and WHALES! Also some of the best birding in the Southeast area.

The next trip up is a tour called "Whales and Bears" running between Hoonah and Wrangell. Pack and Anan Creek bear areas are on this agenda as well as spectacular ice creations up the fiords.

The Wildlife Specials that run between Wrangell and Juneau or Wrangell and Petersburg showcase the natural history and beauty of this area. All will visit Pack and Anan Creeks for bears, glaciers and ice kingdoms, and traverse gorgeous scenery looking for other marine life. Our final two trips of the season emphasize remote British Columbia. The Spirit Bear trip and the Orcas cruise highlight the spectacular natural beauty of Northern B.C., and the wildlife and First Nation cultures to be found there. Excellent naturalists and photo leaders that give you a look at people and places that are "off the beaten track" are a key part of these experiences.



Photo: Don Paulson



Please check the website for more information on these trips and the people leading them. All of our photo leaders are terrific people and are very familiar with nature, scenic, and wildlife photography. The itineraries for each trip (which are much more detailed than in this brochure) are sent upon request or at time of enrollment.

Come and join us for an unrivaled adventure!



alaska 2013 calendar

1. Port Townsend - Ketchikan	Fabulous Inside Passage Ronn Patterson	June 5 - 14	\$2495
2. Ketchikan - Juneau	Native Cultural/Native History Private Charter	June 17 - 26 AN/PC	
3. Juneau - Gustavus	Glacier Bay I Don Paulson	June 29 - July 7 GBNP	\$3795 PHOTO
4. Hoonah - Gustavus	Glacier Bay II Gordon & Cathy Illg	July 10 - 16 GBNP	\$2995
5. Hoonah - Juneau	Adventures Around Admiralty Island Private Charter	July 19 - 27 PC	
6. Juneau - Wrangell	Whales, Bears, Glaciers I Betty Sederquist & Kathy Durrett	July 30 - August 7 AN/PC/Stikine	\$4395 PHOTO
7. Wrangell - Juneau	Whales, Bears, Glaciers II Roger Devore	August 9 - 17 AN/PC/Stikine	\$4395 PHOTO
8. Juneau - Wrangell	Whales, Bears, Glaciers III Ronn Patterson	August 20 - 28 AN/PC/Stikine	\$4395
9. Wrangell - Ketchikan	Beautiful Southeast Ronn Patterson	August 30 - September 6 AN/Stikine	\$2595
10. Ketchikan - Port McNeill	Spirit Bear Ronn Patterson	September 8 - 17	\$3995
11. Port McNeill - Friday Harbor	Orcas, Orcas, Orcas Ronn Patterson	September 19 - 28	\$3995

Photo: Roger Devore

PC = Pack Creek Grizzly Bear Reserve, AN = Anan Creek Wildlife Viewing Area, GBNP=Glacier Bay National Park
PHOTO = Photography Workshop

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enrollment

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Alt Phone _____

Please enroll me/send additional information in/on the following trip: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ (\$500 deposit/person)

To enroll in a DOLPHIN CHARTERS Cruise, use the enrollment form provided or list the information requested for each person enrolling on a separate sheet. Enclose a deposit of \$500 for each enrollment or enclose full payment. Make your check payable to DOLPHIN CHARTERS and mail it along with this enrollment form to 1007 Leneve Place, El Cerrito CA 94530, or FAX 510-525-0720. Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted. Full payment (the balance if you send a deposit upon enrollment) is due 90 days prior to departure. All of our trips require that participants be in reasonable health and be able to get in and out of a skiff and go up and down one or more ladders.

Fee includes instruction, meals, accommodations, and transportation while aboard the vessel. Generally the fee also includes airport or hotel transfers to the boat and other side trips when using recommended hotels. It does not include transfers to and from airports. Fee does not include hard liquor, fishing license, personal fishing gear, gratuities, airfare, or meals and lodging enroute to or from the boat, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

Travel Arrangements: We are prepared to handle your travel arrangements from your home to the departure point of the trip and return. We can also make customized extensions or side trips either before or after your DOLPHIN CHARTERS cruise. We can best serve you if you use our agent, Bev at Dalianes Travel Agency 800-462-2937, fax 707-443-2104, bev@dalianes.com. She is familiar with all our trips and can book the most efficient flights for you.

Cancellations: A full refund (less \$200 per person processing fee) will be made if your cancellation is received 90 days prior to the departure date. Late cancellations (less \$500 per person processing fee) will be made ONLY if a suitable replacement is available; otherwise no refunds will be made for any reason. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended to protect your investment. Rarely is it necessary for us to cancel a trip. In the event that we are required to cancel a trip you will be notified 30 days before departure and all fees will be refunded.

California Law: Requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

For more information: If you have questions or wish more information contact DOLPHIN CHARTERS at 1007 Leneve Place, El Cerrito CA 94530; (510) 527-9622 or 800-472-9942 (800-Gray Whale); or trips@dolphincharters.com



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