

HIGHLIGHTS OF SITKA

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Complimentary Shore Event in Sitka

- Enjoy a guided scenic drive
- See bald eagles up close at the Alaska Raptor Center
- Sample microbrews at Baranof Island Brewery
- Visit the Fortress of the Bear rescue facility for orphaned bears

On your *Ensemble Experience* enjoy an introduction to Sitka along with a tour of the Alaska Raptor Center, a sampling of microbrews and viewing of bears being cared for in captivity.

Depart the pier with your local guide, who provides commentary and **points out sites of interest during your scenic drive** to Sitka's raptor hospital. Pass by the Russian Bishop's House, St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church and a National Cemetery en route to a close-up encounter with Alaska's bald eagle.

The **Alaska Raptor Center** is an educational facility that **provides medical treatment to injured bald eagles** and then releases them back into the wild. This non-profit organization is dedicated to educating the public and providing medical treatment for birds of prey.

Trained facility staff introduce you to a variety of **natural exhibits containing bald eagles and other birds of prey**. The center presents a rare opportunity to observe these majestic creatures at close range.

Then head to the newly remodeled **Baranof Island Brewery**. Watch the complex micro-brewing process behind glass windows as an experienced brewer explains what is happening. **Sample the beers for yourself** to see what you think!

Your adventure continues with a narrated drive on a coastal road to visit the **Fortress of the Bear rescue facility**. From a raised platform, you can **view orphaned brown bears up-close** in their natural habitat and learn about an Alaskan family's dream: offering a life-saving alternative for bears caught in conflict with their human neighbors.