

MENDENHALL GLACIER & JUNEAU RAINFOREST GARDENS



ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE *Complimentary Shore Event in Juneau*

- See the city highlights on a panoramic sightseeing drive
- Visit Juneau Rainforest Gardens for a private viewing & stroll
- Enjoy a light snack of muffins
- Marvel at Mendenhall Glacier & explore the walking trails

Juneau, Alaska, America's most beautiful capital city, has old-growth forests nestled in sight of snow-capped mountains, glaciers and ice caves all within the city limits. You can also see streams teeming with spawning salmon and attentive bears. Your *Ensemble Experience* offers a colorful array of opportunities for outdoor adventure.

You'll begin with a **sightseeing tour of city highlights** en route to the lush Juneau Rainforest Gardens. **Keep a lookout for bald eagles** soaring in the sky as you travel through Mendenhall valley.

At the **Rainforest Gardens** enjoy a **private viewing and leisurely stroll** through the varied ecosystems of the Southeast Alaskan rainforest. Along the way, you'll have an opportunity to learn about the traditional uses of such indigenous plants as wildflowers, skunk cabbage and towering Sitka spruce.

Enjoy a light snack before continuing to the **famous ice wonder, Mendenhall Glacier**. This monumental river of ice is one of 38 glaciers flowing from the massive 1,508-square-mile Juneau Icefield. It's one-and-a-half miles high and hundreds of feet thick.

At the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center there's a wealth of valuable information from interactive geological exhibits, an elevated view of the glacier itself and numerous walking trails.

During mid-summer through fall, **bears are often spotted feeding on spawning salmon** in the river near the glacier. With some luck, you may see salmon swimming in the clear waters of the stream while a black bear is trying his luck at lunch!

Afterwards, you'll re-board your coach for the return drive to the pier.

Ensemble® Experience shore excursions are capacity controlled, subject to change without notice, and require a minimum number of participants. All times are approximate. Your Ensemble® Traveler host onboard will advise final details.