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Return to Misty Moorings - CIRP

Glacier Tours



Experience the glaciers! Leave from Ketchikan Airport and fly through the beautiful Misty Fjords National Park. Arrive at the CIRP Visitors' Centre at the Summit Ice Station, one of 10 ice stations of the Cambria Icefield Research Project.

You will ride out onto a glacier in a comfortable bus and see, first-hand, the instruments used on the glaciers. You will be given a walking tour of the Summit Ice Station complex where you will see everything from ice core analysis to glacier maintenance for vehicles and instruments.

In the Visitors' Centre, you will watch a short video presentation on the CIRP project listing its accomplishments and goals. The Icefield Museum at the Visitors' Centre showcases many of the items encountered out on the ice. The center also displays the various instruments and route markers actually used out on the ice.

Ride the CIRP Hovercraft! Take an exciting tour (dispatch) to go with the maintenance crew to check out a series of glacier instruments that are distributed out over the glaciers. There are 5 different "dispatches" you can enjoy.

Fly on to Stewart/Hyder to the Operations Centre for CIRP where you can find overnight lodging in the area and a fine warm meal to top off your exciting day. From the operations centre you can take additional tours by ski-plane out to other CIRP facilities. For the more rugged tourists, there are "basic" accommodations at the ice stations where you can camp out and experience what it is like working on the ice.

The tour starts at the Ferry Dock at Ketchikan at 6:30 am Monday through Friday. The ferry takes you to the airport where you will be met and taken to the tour aircraft. You can purchase tickets for this tour at the Kiosk at the ferry terminal.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime tour that you should not miss during your stay in the Ketchikan Area.