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Project Management Mastery – The Inside Passage Project

60 PDU's or 6 CEU's

Call Today to Register: 877-670-7863 or email us.

Spaces on these trips are limited

A long voyage requires a large amount of planning and strategy and yet it encapsulates all the concepts of Project Management with a strong emphasis on Risk Management and Team Building. In a fun and interesting atmosphere, you will learn to make real-time decisions, and play a part both as a member of the technical team producing the deliverable but also as a manager assessing the execution of the project/voyage, all under the watchful eye of a licensed captain of 20+ years. The trip is one-way (you fly the other) between Bellingham, Washington and Ketchikan, Alaska (or the reverse from Ketchikan to Bellingham) and includes time for sightseeing, wildlife watching, kayaking and hiking, all fit in between class time and all meals are gourmet and are included as well.



We've partnered with the industry leader in Accelerated Project Management education – Cheetah Learning – to develop this curriculum so our students can also earn 60 PDU's or 6 CEU's towards maintaining their professional credentials.



Learn How to Navigate the Inside Passage

Are you interested in having a great, once in a lifetime experience, while at the same time completing your education requirement for maintaining your professional credentials as a project manager? And have you also wanted to cruise the Inside

Passage but didn't have the boat or the knowledge to do it alone? This 12-day trip will put all of that together.

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is the perfect educational trip. On it you'll learn how to navigate all the tough passages of the trip, see numerous anchorages, experience the crossings and participate in the planning that goes into a long voyage. You'll get to see and experience it all. You will also learn the key components of the PMBOK® Guide Project Phases (initiating, planning, executing, controlling, and closing) as well as Cheetah Project Management Techniques. We'll cover boating safety and navigation rules, known as "The Rules of the Road" and numerous other seamanship concepts, all with the goal of making you a better project manager and a better team member. If you are a boater, this knowledge and experience will translate well to every area of your boating, both on powerboats and on sailboats, making you more confident in your seamanship. If you're not, it will still make for a beautiful journey, through places few people will be lucky enough to see, with lots of learning along the way.



If you're interested in reading about how another Project Management Professional took our journey and what she learned from it, you can check out her story here: **[Navigating Life's Passages Using Project Management.](#)**



We offer two of these one-way training trips. Both of our educational cruises run approximately 690 nautical miles of the Inside Passage starting at Bellingham, in northern Washington state, going through British Columbia, Canada, and ending at Ketchikan, in the southern panhandle of Alaska.

The northbound trip departs from Bellingham, and you will fly home from the end in Ketchikan. **On the southbound you'll join the ship in Ketchikan** and disembark in Bellingham. The Project Management Mastery – The Inside Passage Project trips follow our **[12-Day Canadian Inside Passage Itinerary.](#)**

Everything is included in the trip, like all of our other trips, including all of **[Chef Christine's](#)** amazing cooking, beautiful scenery, and plenty of time to relax. This trip is great for non-

participating guests as well who can enjoy all the scenery and nature-based activities of our regular cruises.

These voyages are also great for couples who cruise together to as well as individuals. One of the topics that will be covered will be “effective crew communications” which includes both giving commands as well as listening. Operating a vessel can be much more enjoyable when it’s approached as a team, and teamwork is emphasized in all aspects of our instruction.

Each day will include one formal class time, several informal lessons and lots of time at the helm. (It’s approximately 100 hours underway over the 12 days of the voyage.) The trip won’t be all work and no play, however. There will be lots of time for occasional shore excursions and hiking and kayaking for anyone interested. Also, for spouses, friends or family, who would like to travel along, but not participate, there’s no requirement to participate in any of the classes.

Captain Jeffrey has more than 25 years of experience operating various kinds of vessels professionally and teaching others about everything from seamanship to engine maintenance. His style of teaching revolves around the premise that students should be able to experience things on their own to learn them, in an environment that makes them feel safe to learn. There is never any confrontation, or embarrassment of students and they get to learn at their own pace, not that of the group.



Why should project managers take this class? This course is a great way to experience something outside of the normal refresher classroom. Yes, you could earn your PDUs in a classroom, or sitting at home working online, but here you’re going to actually experience the natural world, see the waterfalls, kayak the secluded coves, but at the same time learn to operate a ship, and plan and execute a project — a voyage. It will qualify you for 60 PDU’s and you’ll have gotten a once-in-a-lifetime experience out of it as well. Project management training is supposed to be fun isn’t it?

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