

2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 10 13-Day Double Denali, Kluane & Glacier Bay



CRUISETOUR 10: THREE PREMIER NATIONAL PARKS

Double Denali, Fairbanks,
Kluane National Park, 4-night
Inside Passage cruise with Glacier
Bay National Park – excellent value!

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Anchorage

Your **Tour Director** will welcome you to Alaska! Overnight Anchorage.

Day 2 Anchorage/Denali National Park

Today you'll board our **McKinley Explorer**, the largest domed railcars on the historic Alaska Railroad route, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge and spend your afternoon and evening at leisure.

Day 3 Denali National Park

Your **EXTRA DAY** at **Denali National Park** begins with an early morning departure for the **Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour**. Enjoy 6-8 hours of narrated touring with a driver-guide as you travel 53 miles of the Park Road for great wildlife viewing. **Caribou, moose, grizzly, wolves and Dall sheep** are frequently sighted. And dramatic **Mt. McKinley** viewpoints are afforded from several lookouts including Stony Hill Overlook. Later, return to your lodge to relax or take your choice of optional activities.

Day 4 Denali National Park/Fairbanks

This morning, sip an espresso by the fire. Relax over breakfast at your choice of eateries and browse the wildlife exhibits and souvenirs at the Gift Shop. Later, reboard the

McKinley Explorer, en route to Fairbanks. Then check into your downtown hotel and enjoy a relaxing night in Alaska's second largest city.

Day 5 Fairbanks

We have a full day planned. Start by boarding the **sternwheeler Discovery** for native culture and local color. At **Gold Dredge No. 8**, a National Historic Site, browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during an informative tour, with lunch included. Then visit the **Museum of the North** for a presentation and the exhibits.

Day 6 Explorer Coach to Beaver Creek

Find yourself in the heart of true wilderness, passing the **Tetlin Wildlife Refuge**, the Wrangell Mountains, Delta Junction and more. Lunch is included in Tok. After a pause at **Rika's Roadhouse**, we'll welcome you to Beaver Creek with our famed **Yukon Rendezvous Dinner Show** (included).

Day 7 Explorer Coach to Whitehorse

Enjoy wide-open vistas as the **Alaska Highway** weaves its way past the St. Elias Mountains and the sparkling waters of scenic Kluane Lake. You'll enjoy lunch and a natural history presentation at the entrance to Kluane National Park. Then enjoy the charming sled dogs of **Uncommon Journeys**. Arriving in **Whitehorse**, the capital of the Yukon Territory, you can relax at your downtown hotel or explore.

Day 8 Kluane National Park

This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** encompasses the second tallest mountain in North America — **Mt. Logan** — and numerous other titanic peaks. Designed exclusively for Holland America guests, local interpreters lead you on your choice

of optional hikes from easy to strenuous. And all feature rich wildlife habitat and superb scenery.

Day 9 Whitehorse/Skagway

Today's travels take you to an amazing tapestry of every-changing scenery. Discussion by your driver and Tour Director will focus on the region's natural and gold rush history. Next, board the nostalgic **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad** and descend through some of Alaska's most spectacular country. In **Skagway**, you'll transfer to your Holland America cruise ship and say "good-bye" to your Tour Director.

Day 10 Cruising Glacier Bay National Park

Calving glaciers are the star features as you spend a full day exploring Alaska's best glacial attraction, with a backdrop of 15,000-foot mountains. On board today will be a **National Park Service ranger** and a local **Huna native storyteller** to explain the significance of this protected wilderness.

Day 11 Ketchikan

Besides the main attractions — Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village — there's one other thing we highly recommend you do. A flightseeing trip to breathtaking **Misty Fjords National Monument** is essential.

Day 12 Inside Passage scenic cruising

Steep coastal mountains and marine wildlife will be the backdrop to a relaxing day at sea. Whether with a massage in the Greenhouse Spa, a cooking lesson in the Culinary Arts Center or a game of chance in the casino, you'll discover exciting daily activities and elegant service.

Day 13 Disembark in Vancouver

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2008 CruiseTour 10 Departure Dates

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May 26
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18

ms Rydam: Friday Departures:
May 30
June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 4, 11, 18, 25
August 1, 8, 15

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 10 most?

The National Park Collector:

Alaska and the Yukon's best wilderness parks are included on this tour. You'll have extra time for exploring Denali, Kluane and Glacier Bay national parks plus Klondike National Historical Park in Skagway.

The History Buff: You will travel the famous AL-CAN Highway. An engineering marvel during WWII, you will learn of Gold Rush history, its fascinating construction story and the lore of the local First Nations people between Whitehorse and Fairbanks.

The Railroad Lover: Between Holland America Line's McKinley Explorer luxury domed railcars and the White Pass & Yukon Route's narrow gauge trip back in time, this tour includes 3 days riding the rails

Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at www.hollandamerica.com

Denali National Park: Horse-Drawn Covered Wagon. Journey into the wilds of Alaska while being pulled by draft horses in a comfortable covered wagon. Learn about the history of the mining areas and wilderness near the park and enjoy a freshly prepared meal.

Fairbanks: Alaska Salmon Bake & the Palace Theater. A delicious all-you-can-eat dinner of barbequed salmon, halibut, cod and prime rib. Afterwards enjoy the rollicking Golden Heart Revue as you make your way into Gold Rush Town.

Kluane National Park: Tatshenshini Whitewater Adventure. Exhilarating rapids, canyons, soaring mountains and big game all combine to make this a world-class rafting river. This scenic paddle trip features class II to IV rapids and includes all gear and a shore lunch.

Ketchikan: Misty Fjords Wilderness Cruise & Flight by Floatplane. Cruise on a high-speed catamaran through the national monument, surrounded by cliffs towering thousands of feet and cascading waterfalls. Then transfer to a floatplane and cross this 2-million acre wilderness with a bush pilot.

Extend your Vacation from Anchorage

Alyeska Resort Pre-CruiseTour Option: The only Alaska hotel to be included on Condé Nast's Gold List, Alyeska Resort is nestled in the Chugach National Forest. Including a four-diamond restaurant with a view of seven nearby glaciers, extending your CruiseTour here will be a most relaxing journey.

Anchorage & Portage Glacier: Add an extra night in Anchorage plus a 7-hour tour including a cruise to Portage Glacier aboard Holland America Line's *mv Ptarmigan*. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will also see the wilderness of the Chugach and Kenai Mountains as you look for beluga whales in the scenic Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet.

To Book, Contact: