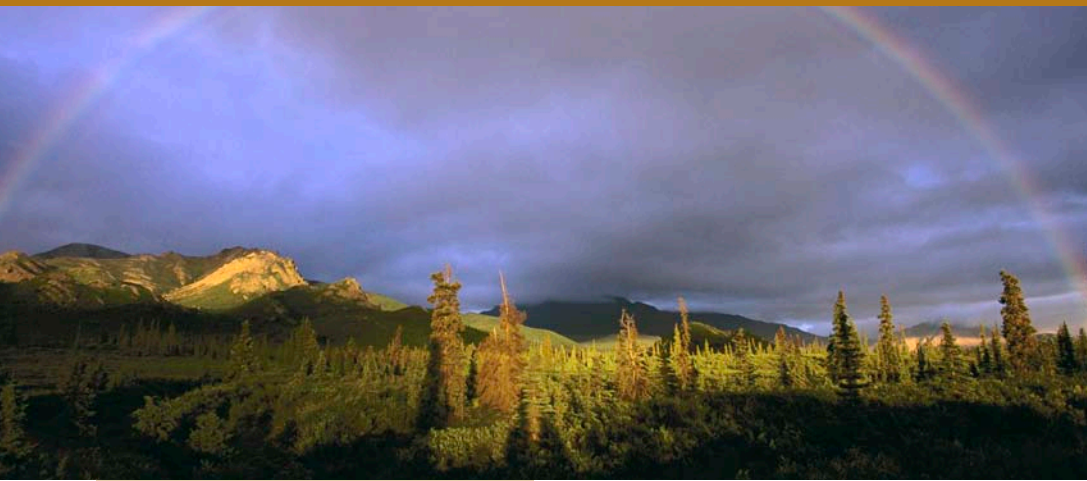


# 2008 Alaska & the Yukon CruiseTour 11 12-Day Hubbard Glacier & Denali Adventure



## CRUISE TOUR 11: ALASKA BY SEA AND LAND

Leisurely 7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise, McKinley Explorer domed railcar sightseeing, Denali National Park and Fairbanks – a classic journey.

### Daily Itinerary

#### Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

You have been dreaming of this vacation with anticipation. Your five-star vessel boasts fewer passengers, larger staterooms and more space than any other in Alaska. Today you will notice this refined elegance as you sail under the Lion's Gate Bridge and enter the scenic wonders of the **Inside Passage**.

#### Day 2 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 3 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 4 Haines

This is the bald-eagle capital of Alaska. Tour the **Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve**, walk the historic fort or take a high-speed catamaran to nearby Skagway to ride the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway. This frontier port is full of options.

#### Day 5 Juneau

Today, explore the lush Tongass National Forest or visit the rustic shops in town. History buffs can browse the Alaska State Museum. You'll have the day to explore **Mendenhall Glacier** or go whale watching, fishing or even dogsledding on a glacier!

#### Day 6 Sitka

In the shadow of volcanic Mt. Edgecombe, Alaska's early Russian influence is still felt here. Stroll **Sitka National Historical Park** or get out on the water by kayak in search of seals, whales and eagles.

#### Day 7 Hubbard Glacier/Yakutat Bay scenic cruising

Today you'll cruise to **Hubbard Glacier**, one of the premier attractions in Wrangell-St. Elias, the largest national park in North America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Come face to face with a gigantic wall of ice that fills your view and extends for miles in either direction. Here you will have your best opportunity to experience calving as you listen to commentary from a Park Service Ranger. Watch from your ship as you pass some of Alaska's largest mountains including 18,008 ft. Mt. St. Elias.

#### Day 8 Seward/Anchorage

Disembark in Seward and enjoy the morning (lunch included onboard) to browse the shops in town for a great souvenir. Then board your luxury motor coach for the breathtaking drive along the **Seward Highway**, a National Scenic Byway. Watch for nesting birds or beluga whales along Turnagain Arm as you approach the cityscape of **Anchorage** for a relaxing night's stay downtown.

#### Day 9 Anchorage/Denali

Today you'll board our **McKinley Explorer**, the largest domed railcars on the historic Alaska Railroad route, an Alaska Scenic Byway.

Sit back and relax in the observation lounge and watch magnificent scenery glide by. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge. Spend your evening at leisure, strolling the grounds, relaxing by the fire, or touring the nearby Denali Visitor Center.

#### Day 10 Denali/Fairbanks

This morning, enjoy astounding scenery on your **Natural History Tour of Denali National Park**. Traveling 19 miles along the Park Road, you'll learn about this unspoiled ecosystem — one of the earth's last great wildernesses. Later, reboard the **McKinley Explorer**, for luxury sightseeing as you head north. Then check into your downtown hotel for a relaxing night in **Fairbanks**.

#### Day 11 Fairbanks

Your **EXTRA DAY** in Fairbanks offers numerous adventures — lunch included. Start your adventure on a cruise aboard the **sternwheeler Discovery III**. You'll learn about the Alaskan lifestyle as you visit a replicated native village and view crafts, a fishwheel in action and a bush pilot demonstration. At **Gold Dredge No. 8**, you'll browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during your informative tour. Enjoy a second night's stay in Fairbanks.

#### Day 12 Tour ends

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## 2008 CruiseTour 11 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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May 16, 30  
June 13, 27  
July 11, 25  
August 8, 22

*\* Additional Sunday departures  
are available featuring Glacier  
Bay, Skagway and College Fjord  
instead of Hubbard Glacier,  
Sitka and Haines*

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 11 most?

**The Value-Conscious Traveler:** Better than just a cruise, this itinerary gives an introduction to Alaska's vast interior— all at a great price.

**The Cruise Enthusiast:** A Glacier Discovery Cruise with Holland America Line offers the best frontier ports and finest onboard experience, in one memorable week. You'll appreciate our spacious, elegant ships where unobtrusive service and sophisticated five-star dining are delivered flawlessly.

**The Marine Wildlife Lover:** This cruisetour offers unmatched marine wildlife-viewing opportunities through optional excursions in Juneau and Ketchikan. Take a day cruise and get even closer to many species of whale, seal, porpoise and otter. Don't forget extra film!

## Sample Optional Excursions

For complete listings and purchase details, see our website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)

**Ketchikan:** Explore Historic Ketchikan. Nestled between the sea and rain forest, Ketchikan is rich in history. Drive the shores of the Tongass Narrows to Libby Cannery to see natural salmon spawning streams. Then stop at Saxman Native Village to see the beaver Clan House and majestic Totems.

**Seward:** Kenai Fjords National Park Cruise. Board a dayboat in Seward for a wildlife and glacier cruise in Kenai Fjords National Park. This is an excellent opportunity for seeing whales, sea lions and otters, a massive tidewater glacier and the park's glacially-carved cliffs. (Late afternoon transfer to Anchorage.)

**Denali National Park:** Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre. Savor family-style platters of salmon and marinated ribs as you enjoy a historical musical based on the life of Fannie, an adventurous woman who found fame and fortune in Alaska. The young and young at heart will love this show!

**Fairbanks:** Ester Gold Camp & Buffet Dinner. These historic buildings date back to the early 1900's. Here you'll find a bountiful buffet featuring crab, halibut, reindeer stew, chicken and homemade biscuits. The Malamute Saloon is the perfect setting for an evening of entertainment with songs, sketches and Robert W. Service poetry.

## Extend your Vacation from Fairbanks

**Brooks Range Expedition:** Explore the Dalton Highway crossing the Arctic Circle to a land of abundant wildlife and remote scenery. After seeing the Yukon River and spending a night in Coldfoot, continue to the Arctic Divide for a short walk near Gates of the Arctic National Park. A local host will share the village of Wiseman with you before a memorable float down the Koyukuk River. End your journey with a mid-afternoon flightseeing adventure to Fairbanks.

**Gates of the Arctic National Park & Anaktuvuk Pass:** A full-day tour starts with a flight into the most dramatic scenery in Alaska, 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Visit the Nunamiut (inland) Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass on the edge of Gates of the Arctic National Park. You will learn of their rich cultural heritage and witness their modern ways blended with subsistence living. Ancient mountains, arctic tundra and Eskimo culture come together for an unforgettable journey.

**To Book, Contact:**