

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



## CRUISETOUR 12: ALASKA BY LAND AND SEA

McKinley Explorer domed railcar sightseeing, Fairbanks, Denali National Park and a leisurely 7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise – first class all the way.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Fairbanks

Overnight downtown Fairbanks.

### Day 2 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**, browse the mining exhibits and pan for gold during your informative tour. Enjoy a second night's stay in Fairbanks.

### Day 3 Fairbanks/Denali National Park

Board your **McKinley Explorer** luxury domed rail car and enjoy an optional breakfast and lunch served onboard the train in the elegant dining room. Take in the sights of the Alaska Railroad, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Sit back and relax in the observation lounge and watch magnificent scenery glide by. Arrive and check into your inviting lodge. This afternoon will find you exploring **Denali National Park** on an informative 19-mile **Natural History Tour**. Note the feel of a vast landscape traversed by only a narrow ribbon of road.

### Day 4 Denali /Anchorage

Wake up to a morning at leisure relaxing at your lodge or exploring your surroundings on an optional tour. Then reboard the **McKinley Explorer** for the continuation of your rail journey. Soak in the magnificent views as you cross the Hurricane Gulch Bridge and glide from one mountain, forest or river scene to another. Arrive in **Anchorage** where the city backs up to a stunning skyline of mountains. This may be Alaska's largest and most cosmopolitan city, but moose are known to wander into the suburbs and true wilderness is as close as the back door.

### Day 5 Anchorage/Seward

Step aboard a luxury motor coach for the breathtaking drive along the Seward Highway, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Watch for nesting birds in Potter's Marsh and beluga whales along **Turnagain Arm** as you leave Anchorage behind. Then wander through the Chugach and Kenai Mountains on your way to **Seward** on the shores of **Resurrection Bay**. You may board your cruise ship for lunch and then take some time in town to browse the shops for one last souvenir. Set sail from Seward.

### Day 6 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 7 Sitka

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

### Day 8 Skagway

This is the home of the **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park** and today we recommend that you board the nostalgic 108-year-old **White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad**. Recount the trials and tribulations of the gold seekers who packed their outfits over this rugged terrain back in 1898. Your ship will linger until late evening so you'll have ample time to fully explore this living museum of the gold rush.

### Day 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 Disembark in Vancouver

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## 2008 CruiseTour 12 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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May 19  
June 2, 16, 30  
July 14, 28  
August 11, 25  
September 8

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

## Sample Optional Excursions

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

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

**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!

**Juneau:** Juneau Fly-Out Fly Fishing Adventure. Combine the challenge of fly-fishing with a breathtaking floatplane flight to the heart of the Tongass National Forest. Your guide will provide instruction and depending on the season, fish for wild salmon, Dolly Varden, cutthroat trout or steelhead.

**Ketchikan:** The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show. An action-packed experience where the world's best lumberjacks go head to head in more than a dozen exciting events such as chopping, sawing, relay races, axe throwing, log rolling and speed climbing. This is rip-roaring entertainment for all ages.

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 12 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 Lover:** 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 Enthusiast:** In addition to seven days at sea with Holland America Line, 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!

## 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:**