

# 2008 Alaska CruiseTour 13 12-Day Glacier Bay & Double Denali Explorer



## CRUISE TOUR 13: BASIC DOUBLE DENALI AND GLACIERS

A 7-day Glacier Bay Discovery cruise, Double Denali, McKinley Explorer to Fairbanks – variety, flexibility and fun.

### 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 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 5 Skagway

This is home to 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 6 Glacier Bay National Park scenic cruising

This is Alaska's number-one Glacier experience. Cruise from the Reid and Lamplugh glaciers to the mighty Johns Hopkins – surrounded by rugged peaks and sheltering a seal pupping ground. Linger for a full hour at the Grand Pacific and Margerie glaciers while a **National Park Service ranger** shares insights into the park's history and wildlife. And a **Huna Totem native speaker** will join the ship to impart the legend and lore of this sacred place.

#### Day 7 College Fjord scenic cruising

After a relaxing morning at sea, enter Prince William Sound to the only place in Alaska that surrounds you on three sides with flowing rivers of ice, named after the leading Ivy League colleges.

#### Day 8 Explorer Coach to Denali National Park

Disembark in Seward on lovely Resurrection Bay to meet your **Tour Director**. Then board an Explorer Coach for the scenic drive along the **Seward Highway** to Anchorage, continuing along the fabled **Parks Highway** (lunch stop in Wasilla). Watch for views of the three tallest peaks in the Alaska Range: Foraker, Hunter and McKinley and arrive at **Denali National Park** this evening in time for dinner at your choice of eateries at the finest lodge.

#### Day 9 Denali National Park

Your **EXTRA DAY** at Denali begins with an early morning departure for the **Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour**, 6-8 hours of narrated touring with a driver-guide. You'll 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 10 Denali/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, board the **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. Then check into your downtown hotel, and enjoy a relaxing night in Alaska's second largest city.

#### 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**, 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 13 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park *ms Zaandam and ms Volendam:*

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

### Sunday Departures:

May 11, 18, 25  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
September 7

## Sample Optional Excursions

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

**Ketchikan:** Ketchikan Explorer by Land & Sea. Drive past historic Creek Street to Saxman Village to view one of the largest gatherings of totem poles in the world. After viewing Libby Cannery, board a comfortable ship to explore the coastline of George Inlet watching for eagles, seals and porpoise.

**Juneau:** Mendenhall Glacier By Helicopter. Travel into the ice age viewing rain forests, high alpine ridges, jagged mountain peaks and finally the crevasses, spires and deep blue melt-water pools of Mendenhall Glacier. Explorer the moon-like surface after landing with a guide. With this excursion you will have seen glaciers today by air and on foot.

**Denali National Park:** River Rafting. You'll get splashed and enjoy every minute of this 11-mile Class II-IV whitewater adventure on the Nenana River. Your experienced guides will navigate through rapids while you enjoy the ride and the stunning scenery.

**Fairbanks:** Fort Yukon Arctic Circle Flightseeing. Fly over the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, the Yukon River and the Arctic Circle, landing at Fort Yukon. Athabaskan native guides will inform you by sharing their way of life. Receive your official Arctic Circle Club certificate upon your return to Fairbanks.

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 13 most?

**The Explorer:** Double Denali gives you the best chance to explore on your own. Your precious extra time in this 6.2 million acre protected wilderness can be spent alone hiking or in the company of others rafting, flightseeing or horseback riding.

**The Glacier Chaser:** Between Glacier Bay National Park's spectacular scenery, College Fjord's intimate setting and options like Mendenhall Glacier from Juneau, you will see more glaciers than on any other cruisetour.

**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.

## 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 join for an unforgettable journey.

**To Book, Contact:**