

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



CRUISE TOUR 13: BASIC DOUBLE DENALI AND GLACIERS

A 7-day Hubbard Glacier 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 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 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 **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 Hubbard Glacier

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

Friday Departures:

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

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

Sample Optional Excursions

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

Ketchikan: Wilderness Exploration & Crab Feed. Board a 36-foot pontoon boat for a 90-minute tour looking for bears, eagles, salmon, orca whales and enter a remote crab estuary. Volunteers will assist in pulling up the pots to view live crab up close. Back at George Inlet Lodge, a delicious Dungeness crab meal awaits you!

Juneau: Four Glaciers by Helicopter & Dog Sled Adventure. See four of Alaska's most spectacular glaciers as your expert pilot flies over the ice spires and pinnacles of the Juneau Icefield. Land on a remote glacier and step out to explore the ancient landscape with your guide.

Denali National Park: Guided Horseback Tour: Your savvy horse will carry you across the alpine tundra, through the taiga forest and through a beautiful ravine. Stunning panoramic views will have you reaching for your camera. Also enjoy excellent natural history lessons and great chances to view wildlife.

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 flight 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.

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