

# 2008 Alaska CruiseTour 14 12-Day Double Denali Explorer & Hubbard Glacier



## CRUISETOUR 14: GLACIERS AND BASIC DOUBLE DENALI

Fairbanks, Double Denali, motor coach to 7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise – a distinctive mix of adventures.

## Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 Fairbanks

Arrive in Fairbanks and meet your **Tour Director**. 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

Today you'll 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. Upon arrival at the **Denali National Park**, transfer to your inviting lodge. After settling in to your room, get out and explore. You can hike to Horseshoe Lake or hop a shuttle to the new **Denali Visitor Center**. Organized flightseeing, horseback riding and golfing tours are another option. And there's tasty barbeque and a hilarious musical revue to enjoy at the optional Cabin Nite Dinner Theatre.

### Day 4 Denali National Park

Your **EXTRA DAY** at Denali National Park 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, the location where, on a clear day, you can get the most stunning views of the astounding vertical rise of this towering 20,320-foot peak. Later return to your lodge to relax or take your choice of optional activities.

### Day 5 Explorer Coach to Seward

Board your Explorer Coach for the scenic drive 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 continue along the **Seward Highway** to Anchorage and on past Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm to the town of **Seward** on Resurrection Bay. Set sail this evening.

### 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 14 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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

### Monday Departures

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

## 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:** Denali Jeep® Backcountry Safari. Take the wheel of a 4x4 Jeep Wrangler® and follow your guide on a spectacular off-road journey into the backcountry. Your Jeep will carry 4 guests and interactive radios allow your guide to explain the area's rich history while you watch for wildlife.

**Juneau:** Alaska-Style Salmon Bake. Featuring Alaskan-caught wild salmon grilled over an open alderwood fire plus baked chicken, ribs, beans, wild-rice pilaf, salads, corn bread and lemonade, coffee or tea. Dine beside Salmon Creek in the rain forest and listen to a local musician over dinner.

**Ketchikan:** Wilderness Guided Fly Fishing. Escape to a remote river valley for a choice of fly-fishing or spin casting, to fish for cutthroat trout, Dolly Varden or pink and coho salmon. It's common to also see black bears, bald eagles and river otters on the river.

## Who will enjoy CruiseTour 14 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 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!

**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 come together for an unforgettable journey.

**To Book, Contact:**