

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 15 13-Day Glacier Bay & Double Denali Adventure



CRUISETOUR 15: CLASSIC DOUBLE DENALI AND GLACIERS

Leisurely 7-day Glacier Bay
Discovery cruise, Double Denali
and Fairbanks, McKinley Explorer
domed railcar sightseeing—excellent
Alaskan highlights.

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 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 Seward/Anchorage

Nestled on the shores of Resurrection Bay and backed by towering Mt. Marathon, the downtown district of **Seward** invites you to stroll and shop (lunch is served aboard your ship). Then, meet your **Tour Director** and step aboard a luxury motor coach to sightsee along the Seward Highway, an Alaska Scenic Byway. Check into your downtown **Anchorage** hotel and enjoy "big city" excitement — Alaska style.

Day 9 Anchorage/Denali National Park

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 and spend your afternoon and evening at leisure. Optional adventures abound.

Day 10 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 11 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, reboard the **McKinley Explorer**, en route to **Fairbanks**. Then check into your downtown hotel and enjoy a relaxing night in Alaska's second largest city.

Day 12 Fairbanks

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

Day 13 Tour ends

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2008 CruiseTour 15 Departure Dates featuring Glacier Bay National Park

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* 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

Who will enjoy CruiseTour 15 most?

The National Park Collector:

Alaska's best wilderness parks are included on this tour. You'll have extra time for exploring Denali and Glacier Bay national parks plus Klondike National Historical Park in Skagway.

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 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: Knudson Cove Salmon Fishing. Board a modern fishing boat with 3-5 other guests and fish the sheltered waters of Clover Passage. Watch for eagles, whales, seals and sea lions in this 4-hour excursion.

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: Denali Helicopter Excursion. Fly along the spine of the Alaska Range through the unexplored mountain backcountry of towering peaks and ancient glaciers in search of majestic Mt. McKinley.

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.

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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