

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



CRUISETOUR 15: CLASSIC DOUBLE DENALI AND GLACIERS

Leisurely 7-day Hubbard Glacier 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 Haines/ Skagway

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 Railroad**. 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 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 **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 fishwheel in action and a bush pilot demonstration. Enjoy a second night's stay in Fairbanks.

Day 13 Tour ends

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Who will enjoy CruiseTour 15 most?

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 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!

2008 CruiseTour 15 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

Sample Optional Excursions

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

Ketchikan: Clover Pass Bike Ride. Starting at the Outdoor Adventure Center, ride 9-11 miles looking at waterfalls, wildflowers and the Tongass National Forest. This opportunity for exercise and fresh air has two endurance levels available. The higher the climb, the better the view!

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: Fixed Wing Flightseeing. Fly along the Alaska Range on this "round the mountain" tour, getting as close to Mt. McKinley as weather permits. Watch for views of Yanert Valley and of colossal glaciers while enjoying a fully narrated flight.

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 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.

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