

2008 Alaska CruiseTour 17 14-Day Hubbard Glacier, Kenai & Double Denali



CRUISETOUR 17: KENAI FJORDS CRUISE – A PLUS

A 7-day Hubbard Glacier Discovery cruise plus 6-hour Kenai Fjords wildlife cruise paired with Double Denali and Fairbanks

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 Sail from Vancouver

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 Seward

Disembark your ship in **Seward** where you'll meet your **Tour Director**. The highlight of today's adventures is a cruise through spectacular **Kenai Fjords National Park**, often called the "Denali of marine wildlife." Later, return to picturesque Seward on Resurrection Bay for your stay at a beautiful secluded lodge.

Day 9 Seward/Anchorage

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast at your lodge or take advantage of morning excursions or a walk in town. Then board 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 10 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. Upon arrival at **Denali National Park**, transfer to the finest lodge and spend your afternoon and evening at leisure. Optional adventures abound.

Day 11 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 12 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 13 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 and watch 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 14 Tour ends

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2008 CruiseTour 17 Departure Dates featuring Hubbard Glacier

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

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: Rain Forest & Native-Style Canoe Adventure. Board a Native-style, 37-foot, 20-passenger canoe on a secluded mountain lake to paddle under the direction of an experienced guide. A snack of smoked salmon, clam chowder and crackers will be offered on shore before a short nature walk.

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: Black Diamond Golf Excursion. A unique golfing excursion high in the mountains of Alaska on a 9-hole rugged links course. Includes clubs, a cart, souvenir logo bag and as many balls as you need to finish your round.

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 17 most?

The National Park Collector: Alaska's best wilderness parks are included on this tour. You'll have extra time for exploring Denali, Kenai Fjords 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 Marine Wildlife Lover: 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!

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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